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A Week Before Cargo Moves?

ADDITIONAL STEAMERS TO CANTON WITH MERCHANDISE.

Further definite steps have been taken to resume traffic with Canton, following the settlement of the boycott.

Reports, on the whole, are not unfavourable.

In spite of the atmosphere of obscurity—as to their policy in future—created by the Strike Committee and the Kuomintang, belief is gaining ground that a revival of trade will speedily follow the calling off of the boycott.

Actual figures show no immediate improvement. Merchants attribute this to Chinese characteristics and to the necessity of one transaction going through so many hands before completion.

Only from Swatow is there a report that pre-settlement conditions prevail. The pickets have left for Canton but the local strike executive is still intimidating.

Elsewhere there is nothing to contradict the spirit of hopefulness, that has set in.

Discussion has been on three lines, viz., (1) whether both communications and trade will be fully restored (2) whether if Canton does not collect the temporary surtaxes the boycott will be enforced again, and (3) if encouragement will be given to anti-British agitators to continue a trading boycott while communications are left unmolested.

Should the settlement be allowed to take its course, it is estimated that it will be a week at least before cargo, hitherto forbidden, is moving freely again.

Waiting for Dealers.

Take imported manufactures, for instance. It is not the foreign hong that ships cargo either on consignment or on own account to Canton for disposal. To send up for storage in foreign godowns would not be much use.

Dealers in Hong Kong—who hold stocks of some sort—have either to ship up old lots, or take delivery from importers, and send the goods to connections in Canton who, in turn, place them on the market.

Until instructions come down from Canton dealers, the local native merchant cannot make things move. And the man in Canton prefers to wait a few days before making a decision.

The Pioneers.

It is the same with exports. Inquiries come here from abroad. The European exporter turns to the Chinese dealer, who gets his supplies from another dealer in Canton. The Canton dealer collects his produce from up-country. When the produce finds its way into Canton again and dealers take the first step, the machinery of export will be in motion.

Briefly, the above is the situation to-day. Sampan folk in Canton are beginning to carry foreigners, and Chinese to Shamen or the boats. This is done openly and not as a gamble in the dark as hitherto. Junkmen have also signified their willingness—in view of the sampans having set an example—to follow suit. Cargo coolies and shop folks will, it is felt, also handle merchandise—as a few have been doing during the last few months.

Opposition Organisation.

There is no evidence whatsoever of intimidation at shops nor is there any agitation on foot.

A minority movement is on foot, however, to engineer "no intercourse" with the British.

An organisation has been formed to "differentiate cargo." It is supposed to embrace students and labourers but its extent is a mystery so far. They have appointed a committee of investigation to examine merchandise. Neither names nor regulations have been announced.

Risk and possibility of trading loss have also deterred merchants from making any appreciable shipment either way. There must be a demand for goods before cargo moves, said a "leading merchant" to the "China Mail."

Gossip About Taxes.

Then there is considerable speculation as to the outcome of Canton's surtaxes. No report has come through that collection has started nor that the Nationalist organisation has been set in operation. Matters will become clearer when the order goes forth for shippers

to pay the levy but Hong Kong firms are consoling themselves with the fact that the Customs status is the concern of several Powers and not this Colony.

On the proposed new taxes, the "Toho News Agency" reports:—The Canton Government has detailed its officials to the Customs House to collect surtaxes, but foreign Consuls here have not yet held their meeting in this respect.

Minister's Optimism.
Mr. T. V. Soong, Canton Minister of Finance is alleged to have told to those who are in close contact with him that Great Britain would possibly agree with the Can-

A striker who has just returned states definitely that each man is getting \$10 passage money (as the first instalment of a \$100 bonus) to "depart at liberty."

The rank and file are leaving in large numbers. Those not seeking employment immediately are still provided with accommodation and food.

Some of the pickets are also going away but the majority remain in the camp.

ton Government on its proposed imposition of surtaxes on condition that the boycott against her be terminated.

Mr. Soong further stated that if Great Britain granted the Canton Government's proposition, it was more than likely that the United States would follow suit, although the attitude of Japan was somewhat doubtful.

Nevertheless, it appears that Consuls of foreign Powers here are not so sympathetic towards the Canton Government. Such being the case, the situation is that complications of importance may be created, for the Canton Government authorities seem to be firmly determined to put their original scheme into practice at any cost.

Test Shipment Gone.

A very well informed passenger who came down yesterday after an absence since last June confidently predicts that the declaration of in-

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YANGTSE COMPLEX.

ANTI-BRITISH AGITATION CONTINUES.

STEAMERS GET THROUGH.

Hankow, Oct. 12.

Anti-British agitation is reported at the port of Changte, in Hunan province.

The property and employees of some British firms have been interfered with.

Two British merchant vessels have arrived at Ichang from Chungking without interference.

—Naval Despatch.

[Changte or Changteh is on the Yuan-kiang, a tributary of the Yangtze. It is almost due south of Ichang (which is on the main river) and north-west of Changsha (the Cantonese camp). It is difficult to say who controls Ichang and Changte as the local troops have not been "in the way" of the present war and they may belong to either party, as circumstances may dictate. Changte should not be confused with Chengtu, which is up in the hills of Szechuan, more inaccessible than Chungking.]

Open Invitation.

Shanghai, Oct. 9.

Ex-workers, agitators and undesirable of Shanghai have at last received a definite offer of sympathy and assistance if they will only leave the port and travel hence to Hupeh province.

At a meeting of labour agitators held in a Chapel tea-shop on October 7, a Red agitator from Canton told his many listeners that two of their famous com-

PIRATES' COUP.

BIG SUM FROM FLEET WITH SPECIE.

MANY KILLED OR DROWNED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Oct. 7. Several traders were killed or drowned as the result of a cleverly planned attack by pirates on a silk junk fully laden with specie.

The narrative related by survivors is similar to one of many episodes by buccaniers on the Spanish Main who set in waiting for ships returning with rich people.

The farmers who attended the silk cocoon bazaar at Pakkai had sold out their stocks. It is an established custom for the bazaar management to provide transport for the silk producers.

Temptation of Treasure.

A fleet of silk junks are used, towed by steam-launches, to bring the valuable cocoons from up-country and to take the farmers home with their money.

When the fleet left, each man had a small fortune—the result of a year's trading—with him. From time immemorial, transactions have been conducted in silver and specie is carried about in preference to native bankers' remittances.

Such an opportunity was too good to be missed by the pirates who infect these waterways.

Between Two Terrors.

At Ngai-hoi, three pirate launches opened fire on the armed launch which conveyed the fleet. This uneven duel did not last long and the protector was soon overcome.

To add to the confusion, pirates stationed ashore sent down volley after volley from the river banks while snipers picked out the helmsmen.

In the panic, many a wealthy farmer plunged overboard to escape captivity—and ransom.

Some were killed by rifle fire and others drowned.

With their victims at their mercy, the outlaws plundered rapidly and disappeared.

On Pirate Hunt.

The crippled fleet returned to Pakkai, minus a fabulous sum of money and with a number of casualties on board, but with less people than when setting out.

In a previous report it was mentioned that the 13th division under Major-General Chu King-tong was being transferred to Shekhi to hunt pirates there. As stated, this division has become famous for its expeditions against outlaw strongholds. The situation in Shekhi has eased and only the 39th brigade is going to seek fresh laurels. This brigade comprises the crack troops of the division.

The H.K.F.C. Reserves to meet the University in a league (div. II, sec. A) Soccer match at Sookumpoo E ground at 3 pm. on Saturday are:—Shipper; Hill (captain), Purves; Smith, Puneheon, Ralton; Lyon, R.B. Bell, Johnston, King, Ross.

patriots who did good work in Shanghai during the troubles subsequent to the May 30 strike were at present earning great kudos for their work in Hupeh, being engaged in much propaganda.

Yarns for Dupes.

The speaker told his dupes that owing to the enormous influence and power wielded by the two men any unemployed men of Shanghai would receive much encouragement and sympathetic treatment if they went to Hupeh.

Any who went, however, were warned not to carry any incriminating documents on their persons as the authorities at Nanking were subjecting all travellers to a thorough search.

Boycott Stiffening.

Hankow, Oct. 11. Telegrams to local firms report that the anti-British boycott is decidedly stiffening along the upper Yangtze and foreigners are advised not to proceed beyond Ichang as a fresh outburst of anti-foreign feeling has started at Chungking.

In the meanwhile it is reported from Chengtu that the women and children are preparing to evacuate—Beuter.

[Chungking is in Szechuan province, in General Yan Sen's territory.]

LULL SETS IN.

Canton's Modern War Methods.

KIUKIANG LINE STILL SAFE.

Shock Troops and Artillery Fail in Offensive.

[By Our Special Correspondent.] Cantonese efforts to take Kiukiang having failed up till the present, a lull has set in on the Kiangsi front.

Definite news has at last come through that the northern Allies still hold the whole of the Kiukiang-Nanchang Railway running from the north of Kiangsi to the centre of the province.

An onslaught by the right (southerly) wing of the Nationalist forces, with Nanchang as the objective, was stemmed. Marshal Sun Chuan-fang claims that he has pushed back this part of the southern army towards Kao-on, which is to the south-west of Nanchang.

Another Drive Coming. Apparently the centre and northern flank of the Cantonese are waiting for this southern flank to rest before making another attempt.

The northerners have not, it seems, followed up this success by a general counter-attack, being content to hold their line and prevent the Cantonese from breaking through.

Both sides are still bringing troops up and indications are that the Nationalists will soon commence another drive on that part of the line between Te-an and Nanchang.

Advantage of Offensive. Hostilities in Kiangsi so far have had the effect of bringing the southerners much nearer to the lower Yangtze valley than when Sun Chuan-fang's five provinces were first dragged into the war a month or so ago.

This drive on Kiukiang, Te-an and Nanchang has brought the Cantonese closer to their goal, and has also relieved all pressure on other parts of the Kiangsi-Hunan front, where Sun Chuan-fang once threatened to cut the line to Canton.

The northern push along the banks of the Yangtze, towards Wuchang, has also come to naught, the Allied detachments in that direction having been withdrawn to the home fires around Kiukiang.

Use of Shock Troops. From very reliable sources it is learned that the fighting around Lushan (heights outside Kiukiang) was particularly stubborn. Brigades of southern infantry were brought up as shock troops, being replaced by others as soon as their first force of energy was spent.

On a small scale, a preliminary bombardment was delivered by hill and field pieces, said to be manned by Russian gunners on the Cantonese side.

Concentration points outside Kiukiang and along the railway were systematically "searched" by Cantonese artillery to prevent reinforcements coming out to the northerners.

Machine-Gun Barrage.

That the Allies were able to save Lushan—which is regarded as the key, on land, to Kiukiang—is attributed to the carefully planned system of trenches and defence around the heights, putting them in a favourable position to repel attacks.

A machine-gun barrage is also believed to have supported the infantry rushes by southerners on Lushan but this phase of modern warfare was not exploited to its utmost—else there may have been a different tale to tell.

In the interval, Sun Chuan-fang is mobilising men for the front to combat the extra strength at the disposal of the Nationalists, released through the capitulation of Wuchang.

More Along River. Reports received by the Nanyang authorities in Hong Kong, with regard to the war, are:—

Hankow, Oct. 12.

The local situation is unchanged. Movements of troops down the Yangtze River from Wanchien and Ichang, and up river from Kiukiang, have been observed.

[Note: The soldiers coming down from Wanchien and Ichang towards Hankow are probably (Continued on Page 7.)]

SWEEPSTAKE ECHO.

MR. "FRANK HAYTOR" SUEB BY PRINTER.

ALLEGED BALANCE OWING.

There was an echo in the Summary Court this morning of the sweepstake in the St. Leger which was organised locally and banned by the police.

The Yue Shing printing establishment, of Queen's Road, Central, claimed from Frank Haytor (or Mr. E. Broadberry) \$569.15 as the balance for goods sold, work done and material supplied.

Mr. Leo d'Almada was for plaintiffs and Mr. L. D. Turner for the defendant.

Mr. d'Almada said that the plaintiff firm was an old established one and had been engaged in printing here for over 40 years. The defendant was on the staff of William Powell Ltd. and had also interested himself in local turf meetings where he had acted as bookmaker.

Some time in June, continued Mr. d'Almada, Mr. Broadberry, together with Mr. Wheelon, of the P.W.D., conceived the idea of starting a sweepstake for the purposes of benefitting the Hong Kong Benevolent Society and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and in connection with the scheme, Mr. Wheelon approached the manager of the plaintiff firm. The race on which the sweepstake was to be run was the English St. Leger on September 18, 1925.

50,000 Tickets.

After finding out the approximate cost, Mr. Wheelon returned later with a draft of the books it was proposed to issue on which draft terms were arranged. According to the plaintiff, the arrangement was that he should print 50,000 tickets for which he was to receive \$750. The defendant wanted the books as soon as possible as it was proposed to circulate them in Shanghai and other places as well as in Hong Kong. The defendant and Mr. Wheelon made suggestions on the first proof submitted and these suggestions were put into effect, plaintiff proceeding with the printing. According to the arrangement, the defendant or Mr. Wheelon was to go to the printing establishment as they wanted the tickets.

It was very unfortunate, continued Mr. d'Almada, that in the course of the running of the sweepstake the police intervened and frustrated further progress, stopping defendant from proceeding with the sale. Defendant was subsequently brought before Mr. Nihil and formally fined \$25. He promptly told the plaintiffs that he would not require the tickets but they had already been printed.

The defence, Mr. d'Almada understood, was that the arrangement was not in accordance with his client's suggestion but that delivery was only to be made as the tickets were required, plaintiffs to be paid \$75 for each batch of 5,000. Defendant had paid \$225 for those he had taken delivery of and paid into court a smaller amount for other expenses such as rubber stamps, etc.

Verbal Agreement.

Asked by His Honour (Mr. Justice, Wood) if this was so, Mr. Turner replied that that was the point at issue. He further stated that the agreement between Mr. Wheelon and the plaintiffs was a verbal one.

Mr. d'Almada: My clients sympathise with the defendant in that he was proceeding with an undoubtedly laudable object.

His Honour, upon consulting the book of tickets which stated that the first prize was to be \$40,000, the second, \$15,000 and the third, \$7,000, remarked that he saw that the laudable object was only to benefit to the extent of 10 per cent.

Mr. Turner commented that he believed that this was the usual amount in such sweepstakes.

After hearing the evidence of Mr. Wheelon and Mr. Broadberry, also the manager of the plaintiff firm, His Honour gave judgment for plaintiffs for \$44.15 only (the amount paid into court).

Costs up to the time of payment into court were in favour of plaintiffs and after that date in favour of defendant.

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LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

The C.P.R. liner "Empress of Asia" will leave to-morrow at daylight for Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, with passengers, cargo and mail for United States and Canada. The "Asia" is due in Vancouver on November 1 and will leave that port on or about November 12. The "Asia" will go into dry dock on arrival here from Vancouver in the beginning of December.

The Blue Funnel steamer "Tyndarus" arrived to-day at daylight from Tacoma via Moji and brought 2,217 tons of cargo consisting of flour and lumber for discharge here. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire will despatch her for Vancouver and Seattle on October 28.

The Dollar liner "President Lincoln" coming from San Francisco via Japan and Shanghai, is due here to-morrow at daylight.

Experiencing a very rough weather on her way to Hong Kong from Shanghai, the Italian steamer "Sangro" arrived yesterday afternoon from San Francisco and brought 6,839 tons of liquid fuel consigned to the Asiatic Petroleum Co.

The P. & O. steamer "Morea" left Shanghai for Hong Kong yesterday afternoon and is expected here on October 15 at daylight.

Two steamers of the China Navigation Co., Ltd. arrived yesterday afternoon from different ports. The "Kalgan" came from Bangkok with a cargo of 773 tons of general cargo and the "Kwangse" came from Shanghai with a cargo of 125 cases of cigarettes and livestock.

The s.s. "Benrinnes" of the Ben Line, coming from Leith, Antwerp, London, via the Philippine Islands, is due here on October 19.

With a cargo of 1,500 cases of gasoline and 55 tons of general cargo for discharge here, the American steamer "West Sequana" arrived yesterday from Los Angeles. She left this morning for Manila.

From Marseilles via Saigon, the French liner "Porthos" of the Messageries Maritimes is expected to arrive here to-morrow at about 10 a.m. with passengers and cargo. The "Porthos" will continue her trip to Shanghai and Japan at 5 p.m. on the same day of her arrival here.

The B. I. steamer "Talma" will leave Amoy on October 15, at p.m. and is due here on October 16 at about 5 p.m.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	33
Panama	1
Norwegian	2
German	2
Japanese	3
Chinese	12
Dutch	5
Portuguese	3
French	2
Italian	1
No flag	1
Total	65

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—

Tyndarus (7171) Bri. from Tacoma, Wash. and Moji; B. & S. Soochow (1395) Bri. from Shanghai and Amoy; B. & S. Kalgan (1556) Bri. from Bangkok; B. & S. Kwangse (1223) Bri. from Shanghai; B. & S. Ho Sang (3293) Bri. from Kobe; J. M. & Co.

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The fact that the ships are purchasable by American citizens at absurdly low prices itself constitutes a form of subsidy, but the difficulty is that they cannot be operated without loss irrespective of any capital values. The Government fleet at present amounts to over 5 million tons, of which only one-third is in service, and the ships that are in service call on the Treasury to fortify their accounts year by year. No provision is made for replacements, and it is perfectly obvious that few of the ships will ever get replaced.

SHIPBUILDING.

SOME RECENT LAUNCHES.

The "bright spot" of the shipbuilding industry at home at the present time is the large number of vessels, including several of substantial size, now being launched. The largest new vessel recently placed in the water is the Apapa, constructed in Messrs. Harland and Wolff's Belfast yard to the order of Elder, Dempster, and Co., Ltd., of Liverpool etc., and intended for that company's West African service. The Apapa will provide accommodation for nearly 500 passengers, her tonnage is 9,800, and she has a length of nearly 469ft. There has also been launched from Messrs. Harland and Wolff's Govan establishment the twin-screw motor passenger and cargo vessel "Koolinda," of 4,100 tons gross register, built for the coastal services of the Government of Western Australia, London owners (H. Harrison, Shipping, Ltd.) have had launched to their order by Messrs. John Lewis and Sons, Aberdeen, the cargo steamer "Surbiton," a vessel of 176ft. 6in. in length; the Silver Line Ltd., London, have had launched for them the s.s. "Silverbeech," of 425ft. in length, and 9,000 tons deadweight, by Sir James Laing and Sons, Sunderland; Messrs. R. and W. Hawthorn, Leslie, and Co., Hebburn, have launched the twin-screw steamer "Rohna," of 476ft. length, and with accommodation for first and second-class passengers, to the order of the British and the Furness Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., of Haverton Hill-on-Tees, have placed in the water, to the order of Sir Joseph Isherwood, of London, the tanker "Talang Akar," of 3,100 tons carrying capacity, this vessel being designed for the carriage of oil in bulk. Other interesting launches are those of the motor cargo vessel "Yamah," of 8,000 tons deadweight, and with a sea speed, fully laden, of 10 knots; Messrs. William Denny and Brothers, Dumbarton, having built this vessel to their own account, and of the twin-screw vessel "Kahanui," which the Dublin Dockyard Co., lately acquired by Vickers (Ireland) Ltd., are building for the Wanganui Harbour Board, of New Zealand.—"Daily Telegraph."

RESCUE OF BRITISH CREW.

Hamburg.—The shipping firm of Gustav Ipland has received news from the captain of the steamer "Ingeborg Ipland," according to which twenty-seven British seamen, the crew of the steamer "Aylestone," of Newcastle, have been rescued by them.

The British steamer was on a voyage from Rosario to St. Vincent with rice, when she stranded on the cliffs of the island of Fernando Noronha on the evening of the 8th of July. Early on the morning of the 9th of July the steamer was picked up by the Germans, and later landed on Fernando Noronha.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Kobe to-day at 8.30 a.m. leaves Kobe to-morrow at 6 a.m. and is due at Shanghai on October 16 at 7 a.m.

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ALLPORE	5,273	8th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	12th Nov.	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	25th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KARMALA	9,128	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,155	9th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MACEDONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MIRZAPORE	8,718	3rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KALYAN	9,141	22nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
KASHMIR	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MONGOLIA	10,904	19th March	Marseilles and London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	6th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	10th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
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TAKIWA	7,336	10th Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	6,000	29th Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island,
TANDA	6,566	2nd Dec.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, &
ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Melbourne.
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

MANTUA	10,902	15th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKADA	6,949	15th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TAKIWA	7,336	22nd Oct.	Kobe.
MIRZAPORE	8,715	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	30th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,566	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NELLORE	8,853	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,089	25th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	11th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KASHMIR	9,085	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
PERIM	7,418	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	9,141	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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DEVANHA	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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London, October 12.

The coal strike caused a big reduction in tonnage on the ships. According to Lloyd's the tonnage under construction in Britain and Ireland on September 30 was 774,797 tons which is 66,541 less than at the end of June, and 234,000 less than twelve months ago. Work was suspended at the end of September on 107,498 tons. The present totals are the lowest recorded since June, 1909.—Reuter.

CHINESE RIVERS.

REGULATIONS FOR FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Peking, October 4.—It is reported in government circles that new regulations covering the use of Chinese waterways by foreign shipping will soon be put into effect. According to this information, foreign warships are to be excluded from the use of the rivers or other international (sic) waterways of the nation. Foreign merchant shipping will be subjected to certain restrictions, intended to bring them under the operation of Chinese law. The Vice-Minister of Affairs is said to be a strong advocate of these new rules.

The "Wansien" incidents and recurrent trouble between the Chinese and the commanders and crews of foreign warships and commercial craft on the Yangtze have brought the matter to a head.

CANCELLATIONS.

BIG CONTRACTS HELD UP.

Both Tyneside and Clydeside are badly hit by the decision of the two big companies to hold up the construction of the four 20,000-ton motor-ships which were recently ordered for the Australian and New Zealand trade, with the possibility that the contracts may be cancelled altogether. "It is a serious matter indeed, and one cannot help regretting that it was made necessary by unexpected changes in the freight situation, to meet which the ships were to be built. At the same time, it is undoubtedly true that the Australian and New Zealand trades are among the most flourishing in the world at the moment and that the new ships seemed to be just the vessels which would make the most of them. Big ships of good speed, running to regular schedule, are just what are wanted, while the long distances to be traversed and the possibility of getting cheap oil at more than one point on the way seemed to give the motor-ship every advantage. But even the most flourishing trade at the moment calls for a good deal of patience waiting for profits, and there are few enough owners who can afford to wait. There have been many rumours afloat as to the particular scheme which went awry and caused the whole trouble, but not many of them can even be given consideration, and the owners concerned have not seen fit to discuss the matter or issue any authoritative statement on the matter. But it is to be hoped that the difficulties will soon be overcome, for there are many who maintain that ships of this type, with the mail liners, will be the backbone of the Australasian trade in the not too distant future.

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Kobe via Amoy, Shanghai	KUMSANG	Fri., 15th Oct., at 7 a.m.
Yokohama & Yokkachi	NAMSANG	Tues., 19th Oct., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	MINOSANG	Tues., 19th Oct., at 9 a.m.
Kobe & Moji	HOPSANG	Wed., 20th Oct., at "Neon"
Haiphong via Hoihow	CHAKSANG	Wed., 20th Oct., at Noon
Tientsin via Shanghai	CHIPSANG	Thurs., 21st Oct., at Noon
Strait & Calcutta	HOSANG	Tues., 25th Oct., at 8 p.m.
Kobe & Moji	KUTSANG	Wed., 27th Oct., at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Sat., 30th Oct., at 2 p.m.
Tientsin	CHONGSHING	Tues., 2nd Nov., at Noon
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Further, the Wilhelmsen motor-ship fleet consists almost entirely of vessels built during the last few years, whereas the East Asiatic Company still have in commission the "Selandia" and "Jutlandia" both built in 1912; the former by Burmeister and Wain, of Copenhagen, and the latter by Barclay, Curle and Co., Whiteinch. These two vessels may be regarded as the pioneer sea-going motor-ships.

Great Britain's Share.

So far as Great Britain is concerned, the largest owners of motor-ships are Messrs. Andrew Weir and Co., who, as is well known, have had delivered to them during the last three years a succession of Diesel-engined vessels, all built by Messrs. Harland and Wolff.

The new issue of Lloyd's Register credits them with 21, and at the present time their total motor-ship tonnage is 178,275 d.w., so that they take second place in the list of the world's largest owners of this type of vessel.

The "Toledo," already referred to, was built at the Odense Staalskibsvaerft, and is of 7,000 tons d.w., with a cubic capacity of 391,660 ft. grain and 320,530 bales. Her length b.p. is 375 ft.; breadth, moulded, 52 ft. 3 in.; and depth, moulded to main deck, 29 ft. 7 in. She is a two-deck vessel of the poop, bridge and forecastle type, and accommodation is provided for 10 passengers. She is driven by a six-cylinder four-stroke single-acting B. and W. engine, with cylinder dimensions 740 mm. by 1,500 mm. stroke, the power developed being 3,000 at 105 r.p.m. She

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia," Capt. A. V. Lovegrove, D.S.O., R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai (Woo-sung), Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The P. & O. s.s. "Morea" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 4.30 p.m. and is due here on October 15 at about 7 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" left Singapore for this port on Oct. 10, at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 4 p.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Takada" left Singapore for this port on October 9 at p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on October 15 at about 7 a.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port on October 15 at p.m. and is due here on October 16 at about 5 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Yokohama yesterday at 6 a.m. and is due here on October 19 at 2 p.m.

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BOKUYO MARU	Saturday, 27th November.
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HARUNA MARU	Saturday, 23rd October.
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 6th November.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Port.	
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 20th Oct., at 11 a.m.
MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 24th November.
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LISBON MARU	Friday, 29th October.
TSUYAMA MARU	Thursday, 11th November.
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.	
KANAGAWA MARU	Friday, 15th October.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.	
TOTTORI MARU	Friday, 29th October.
AWA MARU	Thursday, 11th November.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.	
RANGOON MARU	Monday, 18th October.
MORIOKA MARU	Sunday, 31st October.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
MISHIMA MARU	Saturday, 10th October.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
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BACK TO THE PARISH PUMP!

With the passing of the boycott the parish pump will have a chance to come back into its own. Purely local affairs have been more or less under a cloud for sixteen months. The Colony has been content to "carry on" with the least possible attention to the local problems that matter—and many that do not!

The easiest thing in the day's life here is to find a complaint or a grievance. The Colony is simply swarming with them. But all eyes have been centred so much on Canton that may "handy annuals" have almost withered. Many, indeed, are sadly faded for lack of the necessary attention. It is a moot point whether this is all for the good. Goodness knows the community is not so articulate as it should be in years in which wars and strikes and boycotts play no part. Spasmodic efforts are made to create and sustain public interest in vital local problems; but the talk and the action are generally confined—like everything else here—to a select few who do not seem to mind shouldering other people's troubles and airing other people's grievances. The bulk of the community—and we write now only of the non-Chinese portion—are content to drift along in a happy-go-lucky fashion, hearing not and heeding not the turning of the parish pump handle. The call to real citizenship, sad to confess, apparently is heard by few.

Outside the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council and the Sanitary Board there is surely work for citizens of the Colony and citizens of the Empire—to make their influence felt; to stir up the dry bones in a too apathetic community; to arouse in them a sense of duty and of responsibility as residents of a British Colony and of the great Empire to whom they owe allegiance. That work need not necessarily be confined to grumbling and grouching and airing petty grievances. There is ample room in Hong Kong for the constructionist as well as the destructionist. Why leave the entire settling of local destinies to the limited band of public men whose names figure in every scheme for the better-

ment of the place in which we live?

If the passing of the boycott means a new innings for the parish pump, let our communal work be shared by many more than in the past. Good as is a Municipal Council for fostering the civic spirit the absence of such is no excuse for shunning and evading the duties of citizenship. A broader vision is required to cope successfully with local affairs. Mere denunciation of the parish pump because of its very parochialism will not lead to a solution of Hong Kong's problems. Parochialism, admittedly, can be carried to extremes, but there is always a happy mean that can easily be found by the individual desirous of leaving the Colony a better place than he found it.

NEW BUSES.

AUGMENT REPULSE BAY SERVICE.

Two new and luxurious motor buses which have been added by the Hong Kong Hotel Garage to the Repulse Bay service will eliminate difficulty experienced in the past in maintaining a full service on all routes when any of the vehicles have been undergoing repairs.

The new cars are Miller built models on Studebaker chassis, the design and fittings making them the last word in comfortable travelling. Each passenger has a bucket seat, the cushions and backs being built on Barber double deck springs, amply padded and upholstered in brown leather, this together with the wide aisle and spacious windows making them ideal for local conditions.

Driven by Traffic Sergeant Mason and carrying seven passengers, one of the vehicles made a trial run to the town and back to the Central Police Station compound along Garden Road and Arbuthnot Road this morning.

The sharp gradients on the route gave ample scope for testing the efficiency of the brakes which acted smoothly even on sudden application without causing the passengers any discomfort.

With its blue painted body and large luggage box at the rear, the bus attracted considerable attention in the course of the trial run.

Including the driver who sits by himself, the bus has basket seats for 14 persons.

ITALIAN OPERA CO.

TO PLAY IN THE "STAR," KOWLOON.

Owing to a delay in the departure of the steamer conveying Carpi's Italian Opera Company to Manila, the company will open at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, for three nights only, commencing on Sunday afternoon, October 17.

There will be a matinee on Sunday afternoon when "Barbiers de Siviglia" will be staged and in the evening, by special request, "Madame Butterfly" will be produced.

On Monday "Lucia de Lammermoor" will be played and on Tuesday the farewell performance will be "Aida."

The performances for the three last nights at the Theatre Royal are "Bohème," "Rigoletto" and "Carmen."

The total output of Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week-ended September 23, amounted to 61,290 tons, and the sales during the period to 68,547 tons.

CONVOY SYSTEM.

CHINESE CHAMBER ADVISES RENEWAL.

PICKETS' DEPARTURE SEQUEL.

Among other matters dealt with at yesterday's meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was that of the armed convoy system for the protection of shipping by the Hong Kong Government.

Some time ago, the opinion of the Chamber as to the desirability of reconstituting the convoy service was asked for by the then Colonial Secretary, but as the picket nuisance which was then in being hampered the movement of vessels on any large scale, the Chamber had not hitherto replied.

At yesterday's meeting, however, it was announced that, after consultation with the principal shipping interests, the Chamber was in favour of advising the restoration of the convoy system.

Mr. Li Yau-tsun presided over the meeting supported by Mr. J. M. Wong, vice-chairman, and Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, general secretary.

The question of the better supervision of the searching of luggage and other packages by the police on outgoing and incoming steamers again came up for discussion. The problem before the Chamber was how to advise the Police Authorities on this matter, as it could not recommend the abolition of the practice, and it was considered impractical to ask for higher officials to direct the searches in all cases.

After some discussion, the matter was referred back to the Hotel Guild, which made the complaint with the suggestion that possibly a joint private meeting of representatives of the Guild and the Chamber might be held.

The secretary read a number of communications addressed to the Chamber, including one from the family of the late Mr. Ho Fook, thanking the Chamber for its sympathy in the family's recent bereavement, and one from the Chinese Society in Cuba advising against further Chinese emigration to that country.

EVADING FARE.

TWO EMPLOYEES USING ONE TICKET.

TRAMWAY CASE.

Mr. A. Gillard, of the Hong Kong Tramway Company, prosecuted two Chinese youths before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with misuse of a monthly ticket.

Defendants were both employees of the Kin Yuen firm, of No. 26, Des Voeux Road. It was stated that the first defendant was found using the ticket on Tuesday, and when questioned gave the name appearing on the ticket and the address of the shop. The following day the second defendant used the ticket while travelling in a car.

Some difficulty arose when the second defendant said that his name was not Wong Kin-yuen, the name appearing on the ticket. Mr. Gillard said that the defendant was pointed out by a shop employee as the man bearing that name.

The first defendant, who admitted that he used a ticket not in his name, was fined \$10. The case against the other youth was adjourned for one week for the master of the shop to be called.

TYPHOON TOLL.

JUNK WRECKED AT PO TOI ISLAND.

ELEVEN CASUALTIES.

Further details have been received regarding the rescue of thirty-three Chinese who were cast ashore on Po Toi island during the typhoon.

These were the survivors of a trading junk which left Hoifung on Thursday carrying 89 passengers in addition to a crew of five. The typhoon struck the vessel on the following day and broke it up on the rocks near the island.

On the receipt of the report at Stanley Police Station by the master of the grocery shop who attended to the needs of the survivors a launch proceeded to the island and brought them to Hong Kong yesterday.

Eleven persons perished in the disaster.

ANTICS OF CHERVONETZ.

Tokyo, October 7.—The Bank of Korea has suddenly announced the suspension of draft business at Vladivostok until further notice, owing to great fluctuations in the quotation of the chervonetz in Siberia, in spite of its stability in the European market.

It is noteworthy that the Bank of Korea is the only foreign Bank which the Soviet has permitted to open a branch in Soviet territory.

THE RIGHT HORSE.

CANTON WILL CONQUER ALL CHINA.

KARAKHAN'S "TIP."

Vladivostok, Oct. 8. Ambassador Karakhan, the Russian envoy to Peking and probably the next Foreign Minister of the Soviet government, said in a newspaper interview published to-day that the Cantonese Army would be victorious in the present civil war and conquer the whole of China.

He arrived here yesterday from Shanghai and is on his way to Moscow via the Trans-Siberian railroad.



He predicted that the "people's army" of the north was rapidly reorganising itself and was anxious to free northern China from the grip of the reactionary forces under Marshal Chang Tso-lin. He said that the southern armies were actuated by a determination to suppress the unequal treaties between China and foreign powers. "United Press."

Moscow, Oct. 12. M. Karakhan has arrived here to consult the Soviet Government on the Chinese situation.—Reuter.

ALLEGED PICKETS.

A MAN WHO WAS A PROPER SOLDIER.

AMUSING DISCLOSURES.

Two Chinese were charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with the theft of a cargo of vegetables, valued at \$426, from San Hui, Po On district, Chinese territory.

Defendants were arrested when they brought the cargo to Hong Kong, and it was alleged by the prosecution that they were in the company of strike pickets who fired on the boat and took possession.

Mr. D. McCallum, who appeared for the defence, suggested that the complainants lost their own cargo of vegetables and accused the defendants who had brought their cargo down to Hong Kong of having stolen it.

One of the complainants who gave evidence at the first hearing of the case last week was cross-examined at length by Mr. McCallum and gave interesting details of village life.

Asked what occupation the first defendant followed, witness said he was formerly a farmer but now kept company with the pickets.

Mr. McCallum: You are a man of extraordinary little consequence in your village, aren't you?—I am a farmer in a small way.

During the whole of the time the strike and boycott has been in operation has your village suffered at all?—No.

Have there ever been any pickets in your village at all?—I can't say. They might have been there while I was working in the fields.

And throughout the strike you have been sending your produce to Hong Kong because it offers the best market open to you?—Yes.

It has been your habit to sell produce to farmers who have formed themselves into a group to bring it down to Hong Kong?—Yes.

Who is Commander Wong Lok?—He is in the country now.

Is there a magistrate called Luk Kwok-hung?—Yes.

And are you a soldier under Wong Lok?—I am not a soldier now. I gave it up during the fifth moon this year and returned to the village to do farming again.

You have made nothing but a nuisance of yourself ever since?—You can investigate. I was a soldier and a proper soldier too.

Why did you give up your soldiering?—Because I couldn't make a living for my family.

Not even by looting? (Witness did not reply.)

Have you been going round the village and demanding money?—No.

Another complainant under cross-examination denied that he had had trouble with the defendants over ancestral funds and the suggestion that he lost his cargo and claimed that of the defendants as his own.

The case was adjourned.

BANK CLOSURE.

WINDING UP PETITION ADJOURNED.

RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.

In the Summary Court this morning (acting during the vacation for the Chief Justice in Bankruptcy), Mr. Justice Wood granted an adjournment in respect of an application for the winding up locally of the Russo-Asiatic Bank.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon made the application, being instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master. He represented the petitioning creditor, Mr. Au Fung-chau.

The petition had been presented on September 23, Mr. Sheldon said, and the hearing fixed for to-day. The adjournment was asked for owing to certain documents not being yet available.

The Official Receiver, Mr. D. W. Tratman, had no objection and His Honour granted the adjournment, the necessary advertisement to be in the same form.

At Mr. Sheldon's request, His Honour made a note that at this the first hearing the petition had not been opposed.

[Another report on this subject appears on page 2, in the commercial section.]

DRIVER IN TROUBLE.

REMAND ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

TRAFFIC PROSECUTIONS.

Manslaughter was the charge preferred against the driver of a motor lorry, in the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Defendant was employed by the Sanitary Department. An old Chinese woman was knocked down at the junction of Nathan Road and Saigon Street some days ago and she died subsequently.

Sub-inspector A. Nicoll of the Traffic Office, applied for a remand which was granted till next Tuesday.

His Worship (Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl) fixed bail in the sum of \$500 (\$200 in cash and the balance by two sureties).

A fine of \$25 was imposed by His Worship on the driver of another lorry for having an improper hand brake.

A Chinese boy of about two years was toddling across Canton Road when he was nearly run over by the lorry and this led to the prosecution.

Traffic Sergeant Smith prosecuted.

"FLYING SQUAD."

MEETING OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS.

Members of the Automobile Association having been circulated as to the willingness of any possessing motor cycles to join the "flying squad" or volunteer corps attached to the police to assist in patrol and other work, a meeting of those signifying their willingness to join has been fixed for this evening when the duties of the proposed new corps will be explained.

THE WEATHER.

The official forecast of the weather for Hong Kong and coast, till noon to-morrow is:—fresh, East winds, fine.

Formosa Channel: Strong N.E. winds.

At 10.55 a.m. the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has decreased moderately at Niumuro, and slightly at Aparri and Cape St. James. It is nearly stationary over Indo-China and has increased slightly elsewhere.

The anticyclone over China has strengthened slightly.

The typhoon is about 250 miles N.E. of Manila travelling West. It will probably continue on this course towards Tourane.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 29.85; temperature 73; humidity 75; wind E.N.E., force 4; weather overcast.

Stout Wife (with fist aloft, to herpecked husband): You little, undersized, miserable worm! No wonder I met you at a garden fete!

Seeing a little girl crying bitterly in the street, a benevolent old man who was passing, approached her and inquired what was the matter.

"I've lost a penny, sir," sobbed the child.

The old gentleman promptly thrust his hand into his pocket and brought forth a penny, which he gave her.

The little girl dried her eyes and look at him in surprise. "Oh, you wicked man!" she said. "So you had it all the time!"

COAL STRUGGLE.

DECISION OF LABOUR CONFERENCE.

PLAIN SPEAKING RESENTED.

London, October 12. In spite of the opposition of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and Mr. J. H. Thomas who pointed out the unpracticability, the Labour Party Conference at Margate carried by a majority of over three million a resolution recognising the magnificence of the miners and urging the nationalisation of the mines, condemning the working day and generally giving effect to the South Wales drastic resolution adopted at the Miners' Delegate Conference.—Reuter.

ANIMATED SCENES.

Proposed Levy Attacked.

Rugby, October 12. There were more animated scenes when the annual conference of the Labour Party was continued at Margate to-day.

Mr. Rhys Davies, Member of Parliament, moved a resolution protesting against the manner in which the Government had handled the coal crisis, and expressing the opinion that the deep-rooted and urgent problems of the mining industry could only be settled by the adoption of a scheme of nationalisation.

This resolution was strongly attacked by a number of speakers on the ground that it gave no practical support to the miners.

Mr. David Kirkwood, a prominent member of the Labour Party's left wing, wanted a resolution with some "kick" in it, which would encourage the brave men and women in the coal fields. What miners now required, he said, was money. He asked for a levy on all the affiliated Unions.

Mr. Horner, delegate of the South Wales miners, declared: "We don't want your empty resolution. If you would help us, let us have money and an embargo."

Why Levy is Impossible.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, Railwaymen's Leader, who was Colonial Secretary



Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P.

in the late Labour Government, said that he would tell the conference why a levy on other Trades Unions to help the miners was impossible. At this moment there were 45,000 railwaymen who had never gone back to work since the general strike of last May. In addition 200,000 railwaymen were only working three days a week. The Engineers' Union was now taking a levy for its own men. In the Boiler-makers' Union 45 per cent. of the men were unemployed.

As to an embargo on foreign coal, Mr. Thomas declared that the resolution recently passed by the International Miners' Federation at Brussels favouring the prevention of the export of coal to Great Britain was only a piece of paper. It was no use to deceive the miners by talk about an embargo, which could not be realised.

Mr. Thomas's plain truths were received with angry shouts and much interruption by the extremist section of the conference.

Ben Tillett's Facts.

Mr. Ben Tillett, leader of the transport workers, reinforced Mr.



BEN TILLETT

Thomas's arguments. He said that the transport workers could do nothing. They had spent already £1,000,000 in the miners' interests. They were £500,000 in debt, whilst

SOVIET MENACE.

ASSASSIN STANDING OVER BODY OF FREEDOM.

NO QUARTER TO BE GIVEN.

DETROIT, OCT. 12.

The Convention of American Federation Labour denounced the Soviet regime in the strongest possible terms. It described it as an assassin standing over the prostrate body of freedom and renewed the pledge to give no quarter to Soviet Russia.

It endorsed President Coolidge's standpoint that American principles could not be bartered.

The resolution deemed the Soviet regime to be "most unscrupulous, most anti-Social, and most menacing institution in the world to-day."—Reuter's American Service.

NO BRITISH CHANGE.

Propaganda Against Our Interests Barred.

RUGBY, OCT. 12.

The statement that M. Krassin, the new Soviet Charge d'Affaires, had some new plan to present when yesterday he was received at the Foreign Office by Sir Austen Chamberlain is not correct.

The occasion of his visit was to present his credentials, and the conversation which followed, and which lasted for an hour, was of a purely general character.

There is no indication of any change of attitude on the part of the British Government toward Russia. The Ministerial statements in the House of Commons made before the Parliamentary Recess emphasised that the British Government regard the recognition of Russia's debt and a strict fulfilment of an undertaking given in the trade agreement not to engage in propaganda against British interests as essential measures toward an improved understanding.

No obstacles, however, are placed by the Government in the way of trade with Russia, and actually Great Britain would appear to be doing more business with her than with any other country, in spite of the continued unwillingness of British financial houses to give extended credits.—British Wireless Service.

80,000 men in the Transport Workers' Union were unemployed and 100,000 were only partially employed.

Situation Not Realised.

Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, Leader of the Labour Party, emphasised the impossibility of a Trade Union levy. He said that the situation was not adequately realised. There had been a consultation with the Union leaders as to the best means of helping the miners, and he had been perfectly appalled at the unemployment in each Union. The industrial situation had to be faced. The resolution before the conference definitely committed the Parliamentary Labour Party to nationalisation of mines, and he hoped that the conference would pass it and thus give some encouragement to the miners. It was the best thing that the conference could do now. The miners' fight would only begin on a new plane when the present crisis was over. That new plane was the House of Commons and the new policy was nationalisation of industry.

Mr. MacDonald's statements evoked some boos.

Eventually the resolution was adopted by an overwhelming majority of 3,315,000 votes against 210,000.—British Wireless Service.

Safety Men Move.

London, October 12.

While the miners of the respective districts are considering the proposals of the Miners' Federation Conference to call out the safety men from the pits, the latter themselves are taking action.

A deputation of the Federation, Colliery Deputies and Firemen's Associations representing 30,000 safety men were received at the Ministry of Labour, and discussed the situation with Sir Arthur Maitland to whom they submitted their position. The deputies were refused unemployment benefit during the stoppage.

Simultaneously the National Executive of this Federation met and urged that the time had come to reach a settlement. It is understood that the Federation adheres to its policy of advising the safety men to remain at work.—Reuter.

Safety Men Remaining.

London, Oct. 12.

The delegate conference of safety men in London unanimously adopted a resolution reaffirming their decision to remain at work.—Reuter.

More Miners Resume.

London, Oct. 12.

The acceleration of the drift back of miners to work is indicated by to-day's returns showing that 217,000 miners are working—an increase of 19,474 compared with yesterday. They were £500,000 in debt, whilst

LULL SETS IN.

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those of General Yang Sen who is marching on the southerners from the west, while the latter are engaged with Sun Chuan-fang in the east. These going up from Kiating can only be northerners, and hints at another gesture along the river banks.

Sun Chuan-fang has a number of river gunboats which have assisted in bombarding southern outposts along the southern bank of the Yangtze.

In Other Zones.

Canton, Oct. 12. Fukien forces are assembling on Pingwo, Wuping and Yungting, near the Kwangtung frontier, for an offensive against the southerners.—"Wah Tszy Yat Po"

Canton, Oct. 12.

The Nationalist Government has received a telegram from General Tang Sang-chee at Hankow confirming the capture of Wuchang by troops of the 4th and 8th Nationalist Armies at 3.30 a.m. of Oct. 10.

A council of war had decided that the historic city should be captured at all costs on the anniversary of the Revolution, that great transaction having started at Wuchang on October 10, 1911.—Canton Information Bureau, via Reuter.

Before the Debacle.

Developments prior to the surrender of Wuchang are recorded in the following report to the "China Press":—

Hankow, Oct. 8.

Your correspondent was the first person to enter Wuchang in 35 days and he found a pitiful state of affairs with the streets peopled only by corpses lying unburied in the roadways.

Shops and dwellings were barred, with here and there a few gathered around a doorstep, their faces showing the privations they had been through, though strangely enough they were more hungry for news than for food.

Prediction Fulfilled.

The food situation has eased somewhat during the past few days owing to the departure of the refugees and to the decision of the defenders to go over to the Kuomintang, for it is now openly declared that a peace pact was signed yesterday and that Lin Yu-chun with 4,000 of his troops will be incorporated in the southern army while the other 8,000 disarmed and disbanded.

The prevailing opinion is that the gates of Wuchang will be thrown open to the southerners on October 10, that being the "double-ten" day marking the inauguration of the Chinese Republic.

More About Methods.

Here is further intelligence about modern methods in China's war:—

Shanghai, Oct. 5.

It was the southern army which first used airplanes effectively in the present civil war but this weapon has now been turned against them.

The arrival at the front of recent reinforcements from the north equipped with steel helmets and several other innovations caused a great sensation.

Military observers say that helmets can be of little use in the present mode of Chinese warfare because there is little or no shrapnel. The foreign business element in Shanghai is unanimously pleased at the prospect of defeat for the southerners because they fear a repetition of the Hong Kong boycott in Shanghai.—"United Press."

NOTES BY MAIL.

Northerners Were Too Tired to Pursue.

Kiating, Oct. 8.

The southern troops in the district of Kao-an have retreated of their own accord. Those southerners who have been holding their own on the shores of the Shui-sui River have been defeated and are also beating retreat.

The allied troops having sustained a great loss, apparently have no strength to pursue the southerners any further. With the exception of battle fronts on the shores of the Shui-sui River, no fierce fighting is taking place in other sectors.

Its and Ans.

Under these circumstances, unless General Chang Kai-shek takes the offensive, it appears no decisive battle will take place in the near future.

It is true, however, that political are becoming more active than ever and the prospects are that an end will be put to the present warfare through political means.—Toho.

Hankow, Oct. 5.

It is learned here that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's forces are retreating towards Nanchang and Kiating.

As a consequence of shooting upon river steamers by soldiers on both banks of the river between Wanchow and Yochow, several steamers now are anchored at Wanchow, Wuyang, and Chiehchow instead of running further risks.—Kuo Wen.

TRADE RESUMING.

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tenification of the anti-imperialist struggle is not directed essentially against Hong Kong.

As was stated, the boycott has been settled and certain views are still held, but Canton needs the trade for the revenue.

Now as to the definite moves towards resumption, further progress has been recorded.

This morning, a shipment of foreign blankets, in bales, went up to Canton, most probably as a "feeler." No anxiety is entertained as to the cargo being cleared from ship on arrival in Canton, and to the goods reaching the ultimate buyer.

Cargo from North.

Owing to delay by the weather, the Indo-China Co.'s "Hopsang" did not leave for Canton this morning—having only just arrived—but will sail to-morrow.

Another Jardine boat, going up to-morrow is the s.s. "Yatsing."

Both these steamers are taking cargo from Shanghai and North China, thereby resuming the round-trip trade of pre-strike days. Cargo is also being loaded at Hong Kong for Canton.

Had it not been for the misunderstanding at Swatow, the Douglas Co. may have resumed the call there already. As it is, the boats of this line may go to Swatow next week.

Macao-Canton Boats.

Another step forward is the resumption of communication between Macao and Canton.

The s.s. "Shing Cheong" left Macao for Canton this morning and the "Hang Cheong" sails to-morrow, taking up the day run—one each way per day—as martial law at Bocca Tigris prevents night passage.

The tow-boat from Macao will also leave for Kowloon so soon as overhaul to the launch is completed.

Yesterday the three steam launches from Nam Tau (in Deep Bay, on the other side of the New Territory) brought 110 passengers to Hong Kong, a vast improvement on the handful of a week ago.

After Old Jobs.

The "China Mail" has already reported the resumption—as from to-morrow—of the tow-boat from Hong Kong to Shekhi. The Tai Ping and Kowloon tow-boats are also going back.

When the China Navigation Co.'s "Fatsan" returned yesterday, she had about 800 passengers. This is considerably more than the highest strike total.

The quantity of cargo was also encouraging. On board were a number of passengers who are believed to have been formerly employed by the Tung On S.S. Co., who are now trying to regain their old positions.

Wharves Next Week?

The "Sai On" arrived in Canton yesterday without incident. The company is engaged in dredging that part of the river where their wharf lies and it is expected that the wharf will be used in another three days. The "Tung On" is going up on Sunday.

Several of the A.P.C. staff left Hong Kong yesterday for Canton and business is to be resumed now at that port and up the West River. The B.A.T. Co. has also taken steps to supply the Canton and up-country market again with their products.

Passengers by Railway to Canton yesterday were fewer owing to the competition of the "Sai On."

SLAVERY IN NEPAL.

COMPLETE ABOLITION.

Allahabad.—The Pioneer's Nepal correspondent states that an official statement issued at Katmandu shows that the Maharaja's anti-slavery campaign has triumphantly concluded with the manumission of 57,389 slaves, and that slavery no longer exists in Nepal. The emancipation started early last year. It was carefully planned and proceeded smoothly, the owners co-operating in a notable manner. Out of a total of 15,719 owners the large majority favoured immediate release, and under 500 of them opposed abolition. Over 1,200 offered liberation without compensation, and actually freed 4,651 slaves without any cost to the Government.

The Maharaja's humanitarian policy has cost the Nepalese Government over 86 lakhs of rupees (about £240,000), the rate of compensation averaging seventy rupees per slave. The scheduled rates ranged from fifteen rupees ten annas for a male baby under 8 to a maximum of 100 rupees for an able-bodied woman aged 18 to 40, the female price averaging over 80 per cent. more than the male.

With the object of providing a livelihood for the manumitted people cultivable lands have been thrown open and reclamation and clearance work has been started in Terai. Arrangements are in hand for the issue of sufficient advances to enable the newly freed people to earn their living.

FATAL FALL.

EUROPEAN'S DEATH IN SINGAPORE.

VERDICT AT INQUEST.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Singapore, October 12.

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned at the inquest on Mr. A. W. Robertson, who fell from the Europe Hotel window with fatal results.

Story of Tragedy.

The news of the tragedy was cabled at the time by our Singapore correspondent. Early on the morning of October 5, Mr. A. W. Robertson, the manager of Johore Rubber Lands, Sungai Platong, fell from the window of his room on the top floor of the Hotel, facing High Street, Singapore, and was killed. In falling he struck the telephone wires, which were broken, and sustained terrible injuries to his head and body.

It is known that Mr. Robertson returned to the Hotel at about 1 a.m. and until 2 a.m. was with a friend in the Hotel.

No one saw him fall, but a watchman found his body in the street at five o'clock. The watchman called Mr. G. Goldsack, assistant manager of the Europe Hotel, and Dr. Rattray was subsequently called and pronounced life extinct. Outside Mr. Robertson's room there was a three-foot opening, and the room was 60 feet from the ground.

Mr. Robertson took over the management of Johore Rubber Lands in June of this year. He had had a wide planting experience and was a well-known planter. In 1911, he was assistant manager of Chembong estate, and joined Sun Betong estate in 1912 as manager. He remained there until 1915 when he became manager of Pelipah Valley, which position he held until 1924 when he became manager of Siginting Rubber Estate, Port Dickson. He left this estate to go to Johore Lands.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

October 13—Queen's Theatre: "Messalina."

October 13—World Theatre: John Barrymore in "Sherlock Holmes."

October 13—Star Theatre: Alice Lake in "The Lost Chord."

October 13—Theatre Royal: A. Carpi's Italian Grand Opera "La Tosca," 9.15 p.m.

October 14—Dance at Government House.

October 21—Grand Concert under the auspices of the Navy League; Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

October 30—Repulse Bay Hotel Carnival.

Sports.

October 13—Grand Charity Football match at Sookumpoo, 4.30 p.m.

October 15—Third annual meeting of Kowloon Chess Club in Kowloon British School, 5.30 p.m.

October 16—Hong Kong Police hold aquatic sports meeting at Victoria Recreation Club.

October 30—Fanning Hunt Races, Kwai Tai Race Course, Fanning.

October 30—Annual sport of the Scottish Company, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, on Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

November 3—Sixth bi-annual annual race for the "Trevesa Trophy" from Channel Rocks, 4 p.m.

November 6—First boxing tournament of the season under H.K. Boxing Assn. at Theatre Royal.

Auctions.

October 14—At 3, King's Terrace, Nathan Road, (1st floor) Kowloon, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

October 19—Sale by auction at China Auction Rooms, the 8-storied Pedder Building, by order of the mortgagee.

Meetings.

October 13—Committee meeting of the Hong Kong Baseball Association at the American Consulate General, 5.15 p.m.

October 15—Annual meeting of H.K. Cricket Club, in the Pavilion, 5.30 p.m.

October 22—Twenty-second annual meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, at the Club House, North Point, 5.30 p.m.

November 6—Third annual meeting of the H.K. Realty & Trust Co. Ltd., at Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

November 8—Twenty-third annual meeting of shareholders of the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), Des Vaux Road, noon.

Miscellaneous.

October 14—Fire Demonstration at Kowloon Fire Brigade Compound (near Star Ferry Wharf) 5.30 p.m.

October 14—Farewell "Trooping of the Colour," Murray Parade Ground, 4.30 p.m., in connection with departure of B/Surrey Rgt. from Hong Kong.

November 8—Annual Fete, organised by H.K.W.G. & M.C.L. in the grounds of Government House, from 2.30 p.m.

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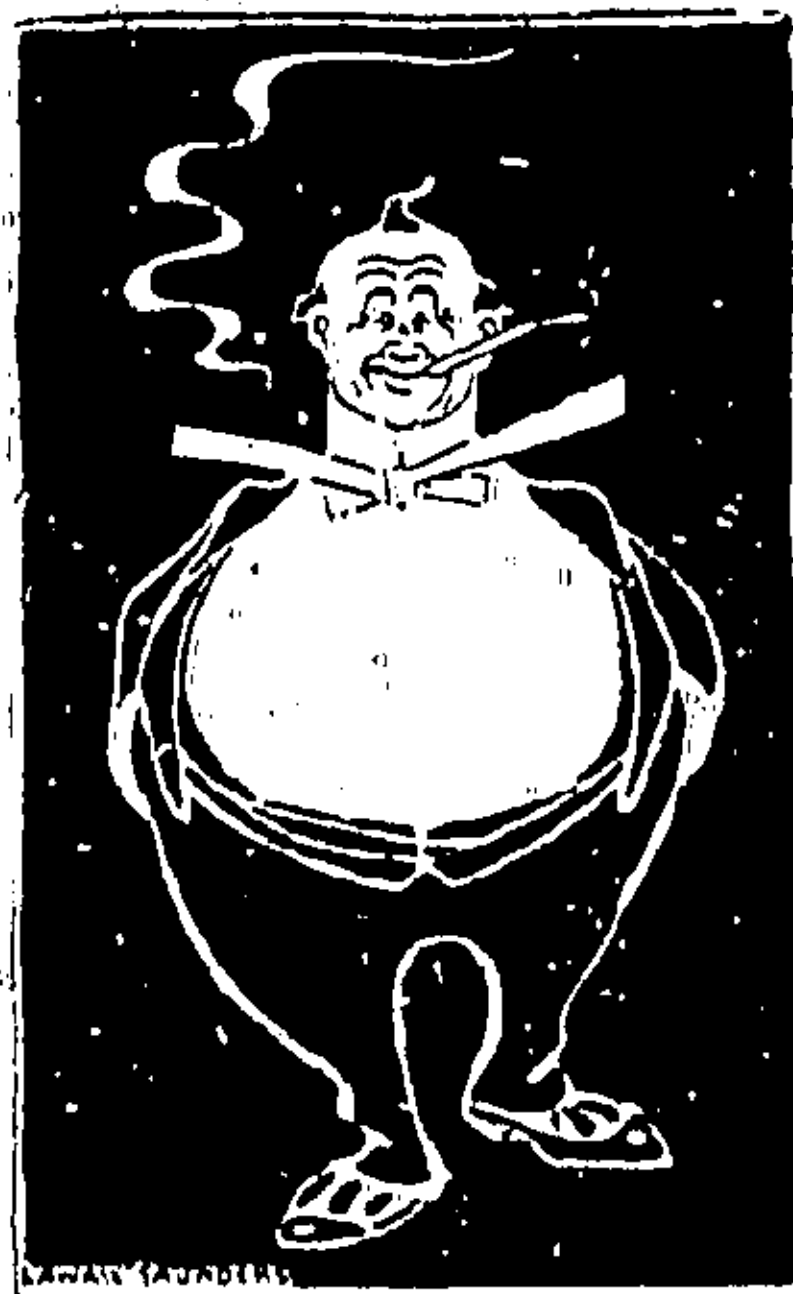
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Another sensation in the art world of Moscow has been caused by the suicide of one of the most famous violinists of Russia, David Krein. Professor of the Moscow Conservatoire and soloist at the Opera (says a "Central News" message from Moscow).

With the entry of the troops into Hankow, says a North China contemporary, counterfeit notes of the Bank of China (so finely forged that one cannot distinguish them) are being circulated in Hankow, with the result that the markets there are panic-stricken.

Peking, October 7.—The Watchdog is expected to declare the expiration of the term of the Sino-Japanese Commercial Treaty on the 19th instant. The Ministry is now making necessary preparations for the negotiations with Japan on the revision of the Treaty.

New York.—A chess team in London will play a team in Chicago by cable on November 8 for the British-American Chess Trophy, presented by Mr. Samuel Insull of Chicago. It is understood that the Lord Mayor of London and the Mayor of Chicago are to make the first moves, after which play will be continued by the respective teams.

Peking, October 2.—According to an article in the "Chen Pao" today, the Chinese government's investment of 5,000,000 taels in Russo-Asiatic Bank share was made in 1896, the interest being meant for educational purposes and being placed at the disposal of the Education Ministry. Interest was paid up to 1917, since which year no interest has been paid, according to the paper. This information was given in a report sent to the Foreign Ministry by the Ministry of Education.

Shanghai, October 8.—That no employees over 40 years of age be engaged by the Shanghai Municipal Council is the recommendation made to the Council by members of the Staff Committee, according to the Municipal Gazette. At a recent meeting, it was submitted that it was desirable that a definite ruling be made as to the age limit at which employees should be engaged for the Council's service. After discussion, it was recommended that heads of departments be directed not to engage any employees over 40 years of age without special reference to the Council.

Theatre Royal, to-night—La Tosca by the Italian Opera Co. under Sig. A. Carpi.

Motorists are reminded that Garden Road will be closed to them from 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. to-morrow.

The third annual meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held this Friday at 5.30 p.m. in the Kowloon British School. New members are asked to join.

Garden Road will be available to the general public at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow for witnessing the farewell ceremony (on Murray Parade ground) of Trooping the Colour by the 1st East-Surrey Regt.

Lessons in French language will be given every other Thursday (beginning to-morrow) at 5 p.m. at the French Consulate (Alexandre Building), to members of the Bibliothèque Française (of which Mr. L. H. Salgani is secretary.)

The vernacular press publishes the news that due to the extensive needs of the troops, the decision was made by the Huphe Financial Bureau that all house rents in Hankow for one month only dating from the 4th instant are required to be paid in advance by the tenants to the landlords, who will hand them over to the Bureau.

Those invited to the ceremony of Trooping the colour, by the 1st East-Surrey Regt. at Murray Parade ground on Thursday are reminded that they must be in their seats by 4.30 p.m. The parade begins at 4.30 p.m. Admittance is only by numbered ticket and/or invitation card and it is much regretted that it has been impossible to accommodate all those desiring seats owing to limited space.

Minehead.—The semi-final of the Junior Championship in the West Somerset Polo Tournament was being played between the 17/21 Lancers and the Zawatis when a big stag appeared on the ground with, close on its heels, the Devon and Somerset Staghounds in full cry. Leaping a flight of hurdles in its course, the stag went to water in the Avill river, which skirts the polo ground. Polo players and spectators promptly left one diversion for another and ran to the bank of the river, where, in the midst of the excited crowd, the "mort" (death of a stag) was sounded.

London, October 6.—The "Daily Telegraph" announces that preliminary negotiations about revision of Tangers regulations will start very soon at Paris between M. Briand and the Spanish ambassador as they are first limited to France and Spain.

Beginning October 1, 1926, the American Consulate-General at Shanghai has received authorization to issue regular passports good for two years instead of emergency passports for the short term previously allowable, according to official announcement.

Moscow, October 6.—Soviet papers accuse Poland of warlike preparations against the Soviets. Polish papers insist that the Soviets are looking for a conflict pretext owing to their internal difficulties. An outland diversion might ease the present pressure on the oligarchy within, says the Warsaw press.

Manila, October 7.—Vice-Governor Gilmore yesterday announced that the bureau of health is soon to launch an extensive and vigorous campaign for the control of malarial diseases in the island. Such a campaign has been decided upon following the discovery of paris green as a cheap larvicide, the result of four years of experimental work by the Rockefeller Foundation in co-operation with the bureau of health.

Basle.—The World Power Conference, which is meeting here, has requested the International Executive to take the initiative in creating an organization for the purpose of examining all the methods employed, and the experiments made, in the use of electricity in agriculture. A representative from the Côte d'Or has presented a report on the use of electricity in such things as drying coconuts and destroying insects on trees.

Berlin.—The Communist Party in the Prussian Diet has repeated its demand for the dismantling of the well-known "Alley of Victory," which runs across the Tiergarten in Berlin, and is lined with statues of former Prussian rulers. On the plea that the Prussian Finance Ministry is spending too much for renovation work. This Communist motion has hitherto always been rejected by the Landtag, but the party is now strong enough to assure Parliamentary treatment of the question, and a discussion of the fate of the "Alley of Victory" may be expected in the session.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. T. K. Tseng, the Chinese Minister to Sweden, arrived in London on September 8 and is staying at Kensington Palace Mansions, De Vere Gardens.

Mr. T. Y. Lo, formerly Chinese Chargé d'Affaires of the Legation in Portland-place, has arrived in London with Mrs. Lo, his wife. Mr. Lo is now Minister in Denmark.

Dr. Mello Franco, Brazilian Minister to China, was among the passengers in the R.M.S.P. Company's "Almanzor," which arrived at Southampton on September 13 from South America.

Lord Willington, the new Governor-General of Canada, who was head of the Boxer indemnity Mission to China, was sixty years of age on September 12. It is a strange coincidence that Lord Byng, his immediate predecessor, celebrated his birthday on September 11.

The late Mrs. Frances Middleton Darbishire, Elms Cross Bradford-on-Avon, widow of Mr. Charles William Darbishire, formerly of Singapore and Liberal M.P. for the Westbury Division of Wilts, left estate in her own disposition of the gross value of £53,317, with net personality £52,947.

Rear-Admiral Count Tsuneha Sano, of the Imperial Japanese Reserve, sailed from Liverpool on September 11 on the White Star liner "Coltic" for New York en route for home. He has been attending the International Boy Scout Conference at Kandersteg, Switzerland, as the representative of Japan.

An excellent concert arranged at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, last night by Mrs. Robert Lewis was in the nature of a farewell to departing members of the Hong Kong Garrison Women's Fellowship. The following took part in the programme: the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith, Mrs. W. R. Fleming, Lieut. A. S. Bedells, Mr. R. M. Keown, and Miss Audrey Steele. The Lyric Orchestra played several selections while Hiroko Takada and Gonosuke Kawasaki, the famous Japanese dancing conjurers made a special appearance.

Mr. G. K. Gidwani, of Messrs. Pohoemull Brothers, silk merchants, left by the s.s. "Shirala" yesterday on a holiday in India.

Mr. J. Williams of Shanghai, late of Williams' Hotel and prior to that, the Majestic Hotel, has arrived at Singapore to fill the position of manager at Raffles Hotel.

Passengers scheduled to arrive by the s.s. "Mantua" to-morrow, include Rev. H. T. Cook, Rev. N. Evans, Mr. J. A. Farrell, Mrs. B. C. H. Halliwell, Mr. H. P. L. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray, Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Preston, Dr. J. H. Sanders, and Mrs. G. R. Sayer.

Mr. C. H. B. Joly, Commissioner of Customs at Kowloon, is leaving this week to resume his position as Deputy Commissioner at Amoy. Mr. T. A. Castle is proceeding to Kowloon, from Home leave, to take charge in Mr. Joly's place.—Our own correspondent.

As will be seen in an advertisement in this issue, there will be a carnival dinner at Repulse Bay Hotel on Saturday, October 30. Fancy or evening dress is optional, and the charge is \$4 per head. There will be a late bus to the Hong Kong Hotel at 12.30 a.m. Tables may now be booked at the Hong Kong or Repulse Bay Hotels.

The following appointments to the Straits Settlements were made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies during the month ended August 10:—Mrs. C. H. Duke, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.Ph., Lady Medical Officer; Mr. D. I. Gracey, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Medical Officer; Capt. E. R. Davies, M.A., Mathematics Master; Mr. W. H. Thorne, Police Judge.

Mrs. Shackleton, the mother of Sir Ernest Shackleton, the well-known explorer, has died at her home at Sydenham, in her eighty-first year. Early in August Mrs. Shackleton, upon rising from her chair, slipped and fell heavily to the floor. She was discovered lying in considerable pain, and a doctor who was summoned found that her right hip was fractured. She was later reported to be making progress, but gradually became weaker, and her death was not unexpected.

The late Mr. Henry Lardner Denny (74), of The Elms, Thames Ditton, Surrey, solicitor, formerly of Hong Kong, left £35,620 (net personality £31,355).

The Rev. E. N. Greenhow, lately chaplain of Province Wellesley, in the diocese of Singapore, has been appointed to the vicarage of Sark, Channel Islands—patron, the Seigneur of Sark.

Mr. R. H. Clive, C.M.G., British Consul-General for Morocco, who was formerly in the Consular service in North China, left Tangier on September 14 for London. He will proceed in October to Persia as Minister.

Among the outward passengers for Singapore by the P. and O. liner "Mantua" on September 10 was H.E. Prince Saranastira Siralakshana of Siam and his secretary, Dr. M. C. Vallabhakum and Dr. O. L. V. Vidluker travelled by the same ship.

Mr. Edward Gray, F.R.G.S., F.R.C.L., F.A.C.A., has again issued a beautifully illustrated descriptive itinerary of his conducted tour to the Far East, leaving London December 31. We understand Mr. Gray is only taking a small party on his farewell tour to the Far East and that this will be the last world tour he will personally conduct.

General Bramwell Booth left England on Sept. 18 on a mission to the Far East. After passing through Canada he will sail for Japan. He will visit Korea and, in all probability, Peking. On the way back he will visit the Dutch East Indies. A demonstration of the strength of the Young People's movement within the Salvation Army took place in the Albert Hall on September 14 at a gathering held to wish "God-speed" to General Bramwell Booth. Thousands of young people were present, and when General and Mrs. Booth passed through the arena they received a great ovation. General Booth will be accompanied on his tour by his son, Brig. Bernard Booth and by Brig. John Smith and Comm. J. Cunningham.

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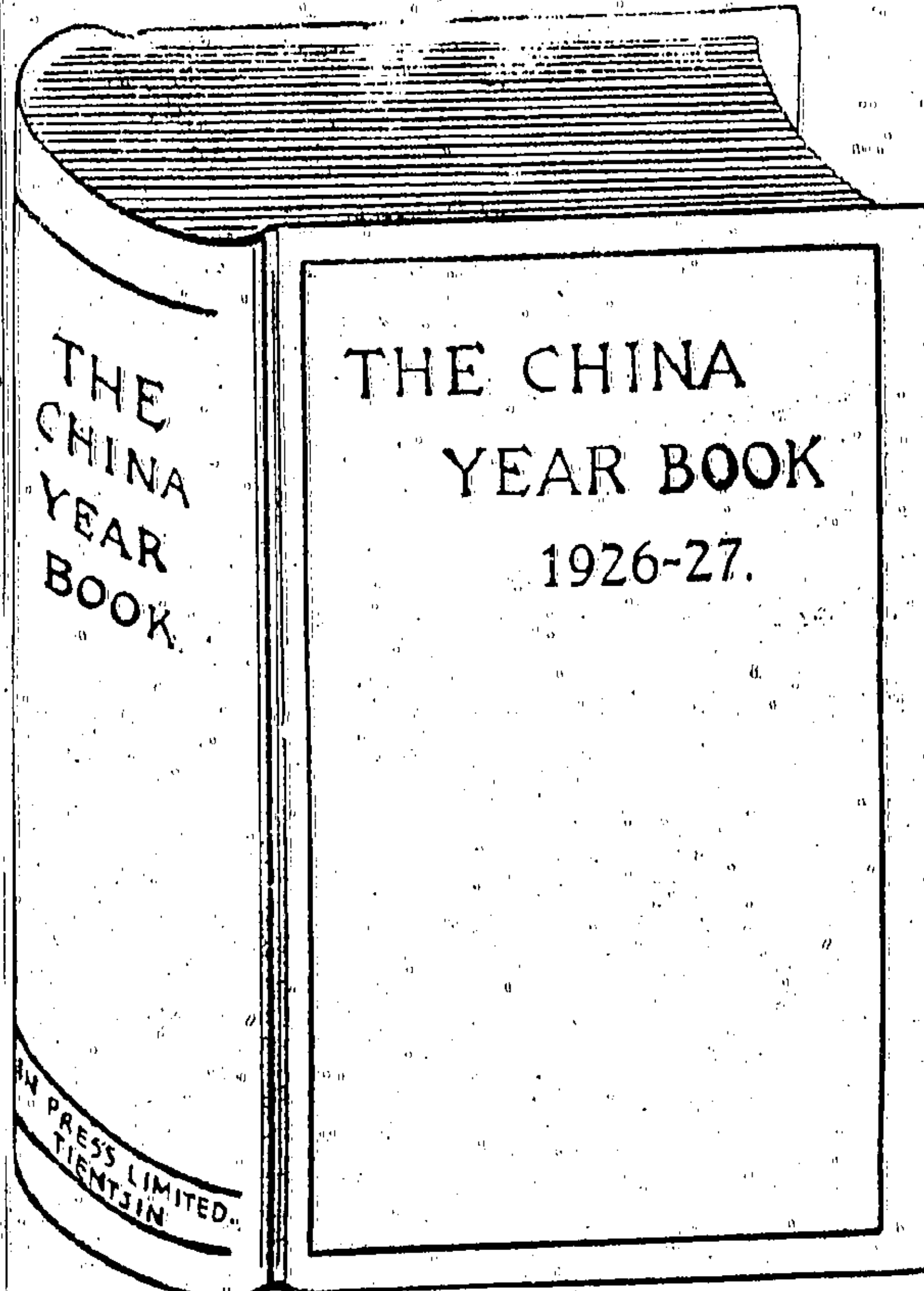
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Miss Doris Hunt, the famous girl swimmer, had to surrender her many years' championship owing to indisposition.

Mrs. Luard gave away the prizes, as follows:—

Junior handicap (6 to 8 years), one length:—1st, K. Ward; 2nd, F. Hearn; 3rd, J. Paton.

Long Plunge (open), two dives each:—1st, Miss I. Jacobs; 2nd, Miss A. Hosford; 3rd, Miss A. Jacobs.

Girls' handicap (8 to 10 years), one length:—1st, Miss C. Hewett; 2nd, Miss M. Hearn; 3rd, Miss D. Hosford.

Boys' handicap (8 to 10 years), one length:—1st, K. Ward; 2nd, D. Wright.

Girls' 100 yards championship:—Miss I. Jacobs, 1 min. 53.3/5 secs.

Boys' 100 yards championship:—F. Anslow, 1 min. 37.2/5 secs.

Girls' handicap (10 to 12 years), two lengths:—1st, Miss J. Paton; 2nd, Miss D. Booker.

Boys' handicap (10 to 12 years), two lengths:—1st, H. Holmes; 2nd, M. Chandler.

Team race (girl v. boys):—Boys' team.

High Dive (girls), two dives each:—1st, Miss C. Hewett; 2nd, Miss C. Bowers; 3rd, Miss I. Jacobs.

Night Light race (boys):—1st, F. Anslow; 2nd, R. Wood; 3rd, F. George.

Girls' handicap (over 12 years), three lengths:—1st, Miss I. Jacobs; 2nd, Miss A. Jacobs; 3rd, Miss G. Allen.

Boys' handicap (over 12 years), three lengths:—1st, F. Anslow; 2nd, T. Hawkins.

Balloon Race (girls):—1st, Miss C. Hewett; 2nd, Miss I. Jacobs; 3rd, Miss A. Hosford.

High Dive (boys), two dives each:—1st, T. Hawkins; 2nd, R. Wood; 3rd, H. Holmes.

Old scholars' handicap, three lengths:—1st, N. Thom; 2nd, L. Oram.

Girl champion v. boy champion, 100 yards:—boy champion, F. Anslow, 1 min. 45.4/5 secs.

LOCAL BOXING.

CARLIDGE & EWIN IN "RETURN."

The main event for the first tournament of the season, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Association at the Theatre Royal on November 6 will be a 15-round welterweight championship contest between Able Seaman Ewin (H.M.S. "Hermes") and Stoker Petty Officer "Jim" Cartridge.

Ewin won the H.K.B.A. belt outright last season and has a points victory over Cartridge to his credit.

At the welter limit, Ewin will again have the pull in weight. Cartridge will also be at a disadvantage in reach and height but his ripe experience and ringcraft will stand him in good stead.

This return bout ought to bring out the best in Cartridge who leaves for Home four days after the fight.

Ewin will be all out to keep his title.

Stoker Morris and A. B. Baker are still on the "Hermes" but A. B. Gardner, who won the local featherweight championship, has been transferred elsewhere.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER.

A grand charity football match in aid of the dependants of the late B.Q.M.S. Jacobs, R.A., will take place between the Royal Artillery and the Chinese Athletic Association, on the Army ground (at Sookumpoo) to-day (13th inst.), kick-off 4.30 p.m.

Prices of admission to the covered stand \$1, open stand 30 cents.

It is regretted that owing to a previous engagement the Drums of the 1st Bn. East Surrey Regt. are unable to be present.

It will be recalled that this match was unavoidably postponed owing to the covered stand being unsafe.

BOBBIES AT SPORT.

On Saturday night the Hong Kong Police will hold their aquatic

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Cheered by about 700 people, baseball "fans," the village team of Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, the district that gave the United States its national sport, won the British baseball championship at Stamford Bridge ground, Fulham, London, S.W.

Brawny Oxfordshire youths amazed expert American players by the skill they displayed as pitchers and batsmen in beating an All-Britain team by 13 runs to 12. Then their coach, Mr. Fred Lewis, who has never visited America, told their opponents the secret of their success.

It was in their blood. Chipping Norton played baseball before the United States had heard of it.

Abner Doubleday, afterwards a general in the United States, was born at Wootton, near Chipping Norton, and took the game to the United States. "It is on record that an English Prince, Prince Frederick, played the game of 'bases'—which was baseball—long before the Pilgrim Fathers sailed," Mr. Lewis told a "Daily Mail" reporter.

The All-Britain team was largely recruited from the young Englishmen who have got their skill at the game by playing the Americans who are seen at Stamford Bridge on Sundays.

HOME SOCCER.

ENGLISH LEAGUE, FIRST DIVISION.

London, October 12. In division I of the English Football League to-day, Burnley defeated Sunderland by 4 goals to 2 (at Burnley).—Reuter.

BATHING BEACHES.

It is officially announced that the Stonecutters' public bathing beach will be closed after to-day. The North Point and Kennedy Town public beaches will be closed at the end of the month.

The third annual meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held this Friday at 5.30 p.m. in the Kowloon British School. New members are asked to join.

The following will represent the Chinese R.C. in a cricket match (away) against the Club de Recreio on Saturday:—Un. Hew-fan, H. Ching, Ng Sze-kwong, J. L. Youngs, C. E. Wong, Yew Tak-ye, H. C. Hung, C. Choa, Yung Hin-lun, Chau Kwan-lam and Hun Hon-chiu.

Members of the Kowloon Golf Club who have entered the Handicap Fouromes competition are reminded that the first round should be completed by October 18. Competitors were asked to get in touch with respective opponents. The draw was:—F. E. Remedios and W. S. Hillier (bye), F. Lickley and J. H. Austin v. J. McLagen and F. W. T. Ross, W. McG. Davis and Altree v. V. C. Labrum and E. Dewhurst, J. Jones and Keeley v. F. Wheeler and T. F. Allen, A. W. Brown and B. S. Rogers v. W. J. Carroll and S. Gray, G. B. Slipper and G. Goulborn v. N. H. Ross and T. G. Martin, Clough and J. C. Long v. J. D. Thomson and W. J. Taylor, A. W. Roberts and C. Labrum (bye).

LENINGRAD PORT.

NEW CHANNEL BEING DUG.

Moscow, September 21. The works have been started in Leningrad Port to dig a new naval channel, five kilometres long and 10½ feet deep, which will unite the Finnish Gulf with the estuary of River Luga. In this place there will be constructed a new Soviet port on the western shore of the Baltic Sea. It will be an important base for timber-export. The new lumber factory is already being under construction. The equipment and machinery has been ordered in Sweden and Germany for 500,000 roubles. When the new channel will be ready, big ocean ships will be able to visit the port to load timber. Until now it was done on the open roadstead with lighters, which was very inconvenient owing to frequent storms. The new port will be connected by railway with the North-Western trunk line. The channel will be opened probably in the middle of October.

THE NAVY.

LATEST APPOINTMENT ON THE CHINA STATION.

The "China Express and Telegraph" of September 18 contains the following:—

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on September 8:—Commr. C. H. Heath-Caldwell, D.S.C., to "Foxglove" (October 1); and in command (on joining).

On September 10:—Commander C. S. Sandford, O.B.E., to "Despatch" (September 10); Lieut. R. H. Thornton, appt. to "Carysfort" (cancelled); I. H. Eckett-Pugh, to "Despatch"; W. G. Brittain, J. Sanders, and B. G. Sourfield, to "Hawkins," for disposal (September 10).

Commander C. S. Sandford, O.B.E., whom the Admiralty have selected to become commander of the "Despatch," in place of the late Commander F. C. Darley, recently passed out of the staff college at Greenwich. Promoted in 1923, he was formerly in the Naval Equipment Department, Admiralty. He is best known as the torpedo lieutenant of the battle-cruiser "Invincible" at Jutland, when he was one of the only six survivors of that ship's crew of about a thousand. Lieutenant I. H. Eckett-Pugh, who has also been appointed to the "Despatch," entered the Navy as a special entry cadet in 1919 from Christ's Hospital and the Imperial Service College, Windsor. He attained his present rank in April 1923, and from August of that year until April last he served in the destroyer "Venetia." Three other lieutenants have been appointed to the flagship "Hawkins" for disposal, and will presumably be available either to replace the officers on the casualty list or to fill vacancies caused by the transfer of officers already in China.

Lieutenant W. G. Brittain has been employed in field training duties at Devonport. Lieutenant J. Sanders was formerly in the sloop "Cordelia"; and Lieutenant B. G. Sourfield, an interpreter in French and a winner of the Ryder memorial prize for that subject in the destroyer "Walpole."

Commander C. W. Tinson, O.B.E., whose retirement is gazetted, was given command in February, 1922, of the "Troquois," which he took out to the China Station. The troopship "Neuralia," carrying approximately 1,500 officers, soldiers, and families, is about to leave Southampton, taking the 6th Heavy Battery to Malta, the 1st Battalion Somerset Light Infantry to Egypt, and drafts for Ceylon, Malaya, and North and South China. At Malta she will pick up the 23rd Heavy Battery, and at Port Said the 2nd Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers for Hong Kong, and at Hong Kong, where she is due about the 27th of next month, she will embark the 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment for India and the 25th Heavy Battery, for Singapore. On the return voyage the "Neuralia" will bring to Southampton details from North and South China, Malaya and Ceylon.

The cruisers "Dartmouth," "Castor" and "Carysfort," which are already announced, have been chosen to convey reliefs to the China Station, were ordered to leave England on September 15. All three ships proceed independently, and the "Castor" will escort Submarine L27 as far as Colombo. The vessels are taking out relief crews for the submarine depot ships "Ambrose," "Titanium," "Marazion," and the sloop "Foxglove," and the sloop "Hollyhock," "Bluebell" and "Magnolia." The maximum number of ratings to be accommodated in the ships is 450 in the "Dartmouth," 370 in the "Castor," and 388 in the "Carysfort."

Although the dispatch of these reliefs was arranged some time ago, and has no connection with the present situation, their arrival would give the Commander-in-Chief, if needed, the services of three more vessels, and of about 1,200 more officers and men. But in normal circumstances it is anticipated that the cruisers will arrive back in home waters with the relieved officers and men by December 20. The cruiser "Hawkins," flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir F. Alexander-Sinclair, the Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, left Wei-Hai-Wei on September 6 for Hong Kong. Other ships on which the Vice-Admiral could call are the cruisers "Carlisle" and "Vindictive," making a total of four with the "Despatch," already there; the dispatch vessel, "Petersfield," and the sloop "Foxglove," "Hollyhock," "Bluebell" and "Magnolia." The submarine flotilla consists of 12 vessels of the "U" type, with the depot ships "Titanium," "Ambrose" and "Marazion." Among the officers of the flagship "Hawkins" is Lieutenant Prince George, who has been serving in the vessel since January, 1925.

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MR. LANSBURY.

SPEECH TO "RED" NAVY IN RUSSIA.

Riga, August 31.—The Soviet Press describes pathetically the reception given to Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., in Kronstadt, on the last day of his visit to Russia, by the Red Navy. At eight o'clock in the morning a naval tug took the foreign guests to Kronstadt, where on all the warships the crews were on deck to greet them. Delegations of workmen and Red sailors, as well as leading officials, were waiting on the Petrovski Pier to meet them and conduct them to the naval training shed, where workmen and sailors cheered the visitors lustily.

Mr. Lansbury expressed his pleasure at being among the Red sailors, whose guns announced the first victory of the workers' revolution. "I do not like," he said, "an army or a navy or an air fleet, because I know that they are used in all capitalist countries only for the oppression of the working-class, but I am sure that the Red Army and Navy will never direct their arms against the workers either of their own or of a foreign country. I have seen in the Caucasus how several nationalities are peacefully living together in Soviet Republics. The Soviet State is the only one which has resolved the national question in a just way, and it does not need an army to control its nationalities. The bourgeois Press generally states that the workers' control means anarchy, that it means that the rudder is not astern, but before the bow, but I have ascertained that not only is the rudder in its proper place, but that there is an atmosphere of comradeship side by side with a very strict and businesslike discipline."

This speech was received with enthusiasm, and after a reply by a representative of the Navy of the fortress, a resolution was passed by which the Red Navy sent "ardent greetings" to the workers of England, Belgium, and Norway.

TO-MORROW'S PARADE.

The Police notify that Garden Road between Queen's Road and St. John's Cathedral will be closed to motor traffic between 4 and 6.30 p.m. to-morrow, for the Surrey's parade.

Access may be had to the upper levels by two routes:—(1) up Lee House Street or (2) up the military road on the east side of Murray Barracks and then to the Cathedral junction by way of the Detention Barracks.

European officers will be on duty to direct traffic.

Curate: What are you running for, sonny?

Sonny: I'm trying to keep two boys from fighting.

Curate: Who are the boys?

Sonny: Bill Smiff, over there and me.

States, took part in the Jutland battle.

The aircraft carrier "Hermes" (Captain R. Elliot, C.B.E.) has been ordered to the Far East, whence she returned only in June last after a year's special duty, mainly at Hong Kong. If there is left in modern China any of that spirit which induced the Chinese armies to carry representations of hideous dragons in order to terrorise their opponents, the dispatch of H.M.S. "Hermes" is a wise move. She is a loquacious affair, with her funnel and superstructure on the port side, and an unwieldy platform spread over her. She looks as if she were carrying a gigantic teatray and liable to capsize at any moment. In spite of this she is a splendid seaboat, very steady, and she rolls very little. Begun under the emergency war programme, she is the first vessel specially designed by the Admiralty as an aircraft-carrier. The "Hermes," which was detached from the Fleet in the Egyptian Sea to go to Hong Kong, called at Malta en route for fuel and supplies, and had not left on September 13. It is stated that she is awaiting the arrival of H.M. aircraft-carrier "Eagle," which is due there on September 18, and from which the "Hermes" will transfer some materials.

We imagine she will prove to be a most useful adjunct to the squadron most mustered in China waters. Owing to the selection of Capt. G. C. Dickens, C.M.G., to join the instructional staff of the new Imperial Defence College, he was relieved on September 15 in command of the Auxiliary Patrol Flotilla by Captain Archibald Cochrane, C.M.G. This flotilla is the remnant of the widespread organisation created during the war, with vessels of all kinds running into a total of four figures.

Captain Cochrane, who has been serving in the vessel since January, 1925, the battleship "Malaya," Captain Astley-Rushton, C.M.G., was recommissioned on September 13 for further service under Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, and is due back at Malta on October 22.

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WINDOW DRESSING.

NOT SO EASY AS IT LOOKS.

When he had put all his goods in the shop window the old-fashioned believer in publicity was satisfied. No more elaborate means of attracting attention and inspiring confidence in one's wares had been devised, says the "Daily Telegraph." Whatever was for sale could be seen by the passers-by without entering the shop. If they wanted it they would come in; if they did not they would proceed on their way, and what else could be done to stop them? That was the mere bow and arrows of advertising. The modern campaigner against our pockets uses longer range and far more deadly weapons. It is not enough for him to show us what he has in stock; he aims at making our minds up for us and convincing us that a demand for the existence of which we had not suspected lies dormant within us. There is sound psychology in his method of attack, and he works it out with extreme elaboration. At Cambridge, where the Drapers' Chamber of Trade of the United Kingdom is holding its summer school, he has been explaining his strategy to the subalterns of advertisement by window dressing. Those of us who were inclined to assume hastily that we knew by instinct how most effectively to arrange a window would pitch our claims in a less confident key if we were faced with the examination paper that was set on this occasion. Could we, offhand, mention three laws which govern the art of modern display work, or describe in two words the dominant factor in it, or explain why the Display Man's task is to be termed both an art and a craft? Like telling the truth, advertising is not by any means so simple as people without practical experience are given to asserting. A shop window may serve the interests of its owners most efficiently if it contains no goods at all, as may sometimes be seen in the most exclusive commercial centres. Advertisement by judicious reticence is not to be despised, although it is helpful only to a few peculiarly-placed tradesmen.

Between that extreme and the case of the great multiple store occupying a central site there are innumerable shades and gradations. That a window containing only a half or a third of its capacity will compel us to linger, while another, more crowded, does not draw a fleeting glance from the tail of our eye, is indisputable. Whoever is responsible for studying such effects is faced with many of the problems that confront the artist. Light and shade, situation, perspective, and grouping are only some of the points that cannot be ignored. It is not surprising that the window dresser takes himself so seriously, for business experts of every kind are realising more and more the vital importance of judicious publicity.

ALPHABET'S ORIGIN.

NEOLITHIC INSCRIPTIONS.

Paris.—Could prehistoric man read and write? Did he originate the modern alphabet? We know that men of the Stone Age were artists, as their coloured pictures of the mammoth and reindeer are still to be seen well preserved in certain caves. But had they literary aspirations as well? This is suggested by a communication just made to the Academie des Inscriptions by Dr. A. Morel, of the University of Lyons. Some Neolithic remains were recently dug up at Glozel, twelve miles from Vichy. They included tools, weapons, and vases, as well as stones marked by inscriptions, which Dr. Morel contends go to prove that man of the Stone Age made use of an alphabet. In the days when the reindeer still roamed over the country of France primitive man had learned to represent his ideas by means of a syllabic alphabet. Dr. Morel has detected many of these alphabetic characters. He argues that the Phoenicians really derived their alphabet from Neolithic tribes, as may be seen by striking resemblances in the forms of the letters.

M. Salomon Reinach confirms Dr. Morel's statements. The distinction between the Phoenician and the alphabet of Glozel and personally saw an inscribed tablet unearthed from a stratum of clay. In these remains, he said, there was not a vestige of any metal nor of any Roman or Gallic pottery. Fifty of the tablets are covered with well-formed and regular writing, some of the signs recalling in a surprising manner the Phoenician and the Greek alphabets, although it is impossible to decipher the text. These communications have given rise to a "Glozel Academic Society."

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 13, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association.	Estates Brokers' Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	1/11 3/4	1/11 3/4	1/11 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 3/4	78 3/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
do. London	112 1/2	—	112 1/2
Chartered Bank	221	221 b.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. do. C.	230 1/2 113 3/8	230 1/2 113 3/8	— —
P. & O. Bank	203 1/2	210	—
Bank of East Asia	84	82	82
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	625 b.	620	625
China Underwriters	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
North China Insurance	144	148	—
Union Insurance	293 1/2	293	294
Yangtze Insurance	36 Mex.	40	—
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	200	200	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	610	600	610
Shipping.			
Douglases	20 1/2	20	28
Hongkong Steamboats	20 b & sa	20 b & sa	29
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	2	2 1/2	2
Indo-China (Pref.)	30	30	30
do. (Def.)	42	40	40
Shell Transports	90 1/2	90 1/2	90
Star Ferries	67 1/2	68	67
Water-boats	15	15	15
Refineries.			
China Sugars	24	24 1/2	24
Malabon Sugars	35	35	36
Mining.			
Benguet	1 1/2	—	—
Kallang Mining Ad.	40 1/2	42 1/2	47
Langkats (Combined)	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
do. (Single)	11	13	13
Shanghai Exploration	7 1/2	5	—
Shanghai Loan	18	8	—
Raubs	4 1/2	4 1/2	5
Troch Mines	80 1/2	80 1/2	—
Ural Caspians	8 1/2	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	127 b 127 1/2 sa	126 1/2	126 1/2
H.K. & W. Docks	18 1/2	58	60
Hongkews	117 1/2	—	175
New Engineerings	T8 3/5	6 1/2	6 1/2
Shanghai Docks	T12 3/2	125	121
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	10 80 b 11 sa	10 85	10 80
Hongkong Lands	64 3/4 b 65 1/2 sa	66	64 1/2
Hongkong Realty	1 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
H.K. Territorial	4	4	4
Humphreys Estates	16 1/2	16	16 1/2
Prince's Building	89	87	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T9 40 b & sa	T9 40	9 1/2
Oriental	2 85	2 85	2 84
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T 14	54	53
do. (new)	T 27	28	27
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	7 1/2	5	7
Cements (comb.)	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
do. (old)	12	11	12
do. (new)	2	2 1/2	2 1/2
China Buses	10 1/2	21	21
China Lights (comb.)	21 1/2	21	21 1/2
do. (old)	14 1/2	15	15
do. (new)	11 1/2	11	11 1/2
China Prov.	6 10	6 15 b 6 10 1/2	6 b & sa
Dairy Farms	19 1/2	20	20
Der A. Wing	6	7	—
Hongkong Amusements	12	12 1/2	12
H.K. Constructions	24	3	3 1/2
Hongkong Electrics	67 1/2	67	67
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	26	—	30
do. (old)	10	10	10
do. (new)	5	5	5
Hongkong Tramways	26 1/2 b & sa	26 1/2 b 26 1/2 sa	26 1/2 1/4
Lane, Crawford	9	7	7
Macao Electric	35	—	—
Macintosh	19 1/2	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2	16	17
do. (new)	7 60	8	7 1/2
Sincheres	11	8 1/2	9
Singapore Trams	15 9	16 1/2	13 6
Taxis	2	1 1/2 t 2	2
United Asbestos	—	600	—
do. (Founders)	—	18	—
do. (Ordinary)	20	14 1/2	14
Watsons	14 1/2	5	5
Wm. J. Powells	6 1/2	—	—
H.K. Telephone	4 40 b & sa	—	4 60



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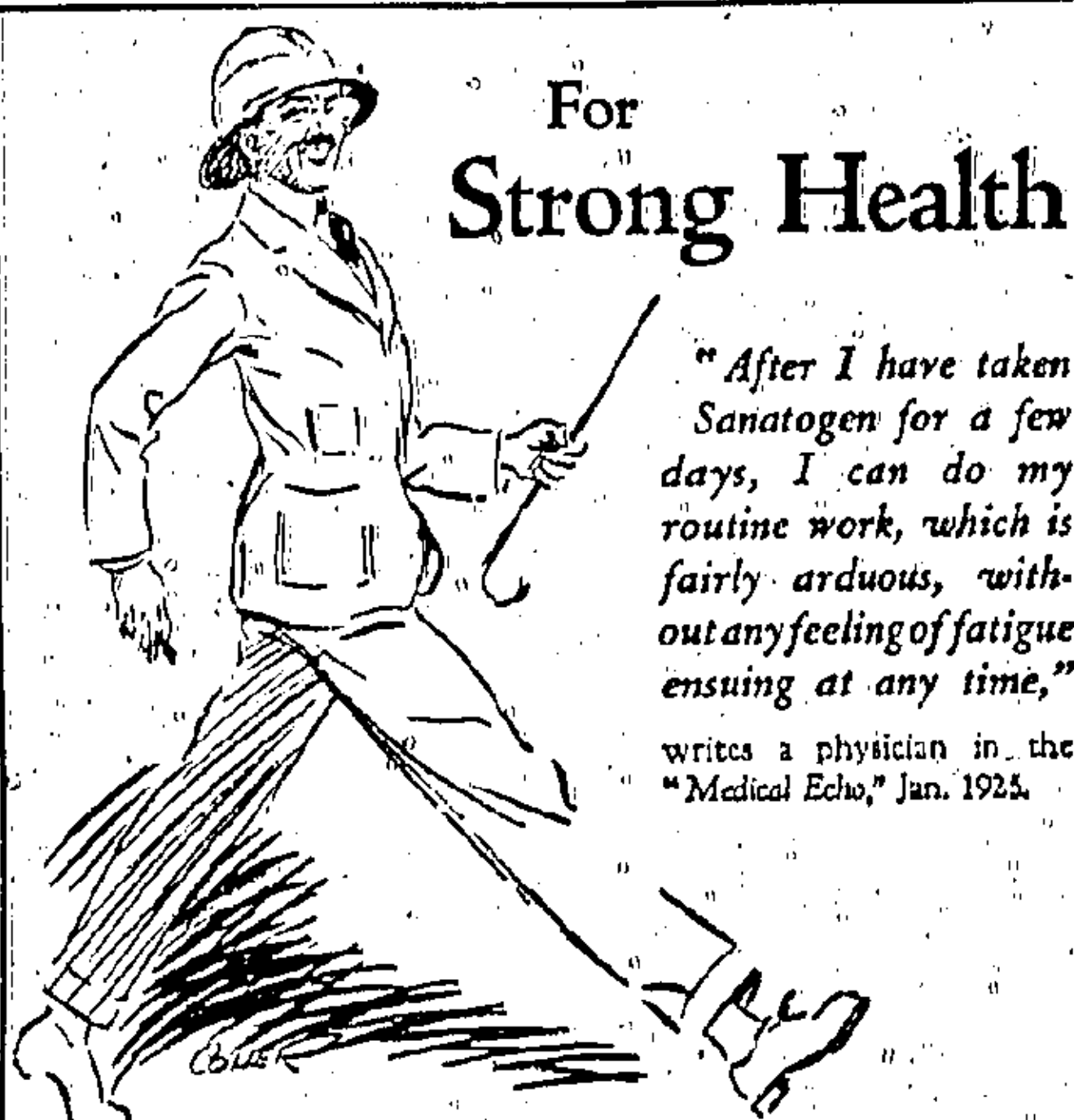
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People and Events in the News of the World



Here is a new photographic study of Willie Stevens, weak-minded brother of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, both of whom are accused of the Hall-Mills murder in New Jersey.



Mr. Chauncey Depew appeared hale and hearty on his 93rd birthday.



Robert Erling, New Brunswick, millwright, confirmed the story of Jane Gibson, "pig woman," on whom the State bases its case against Willie Stevens, Henry de la B. Carpenter and Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, charged with the Hall-Mills murder. Erling said he saw Miss Gibson near the scene of the murder.



Mrs. Ella A. Boole added to the chain of evidence in the Hall-Mills murder inquiry at New Brunswick, when she testified that the Rev. Edward Hall used her telephone to make an appointment with Mrs. Eleanor Mills on the night of their death.



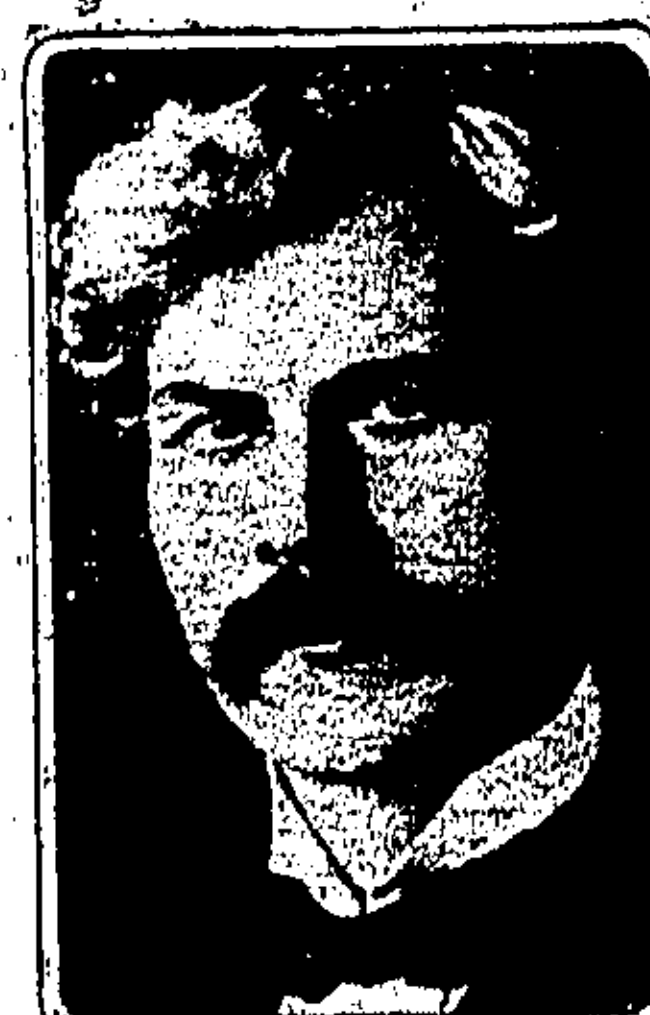
Mrs. Almada Harkins is shown on the witness stand at the New Brunswick hearing on the Hall-Mills murder case. She testified that she saw the Rev. Edward Hall hurrying to the scene of his death, and a short time after she saw Mrs. Eleanor Mills going in the same direction.



ENRIQUE ESTRADA



GEN. LEONARD WOOD



J. RAMSAY MACDONALD



THOMAS W. MILLER

General Enrique Estrada was arrested at San Diego on charges of plotting a revolt in Mexico. General Leonard Wood vetoed the Philippine Legislature's plan for a plebiscite on independence. J. Ramsay MacDonald, Labour leader, charged the British Government with obstructing relief for striking miners. The Government dismissed charges against Colonel Thomas W. Miller, accused of conspiracy to defraud the Government while alien property custodian.



ARTHUR CAPPER



DR. ELLA A. BOOLE



SMITH W. BROOKHART



DAVID G. LAMAR

Senator Arthur Capper conferred with President Coolidge at the Summer White House. The Volstead Act is not ruining the youth of the country, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, President of the W. C. T. U., declared. Smith W. Brookhart, Senator-elect from Iowa, was threatened with assassination. David Lamar, "Wolf of Wall Street," was to be questioned in a new stock deal.

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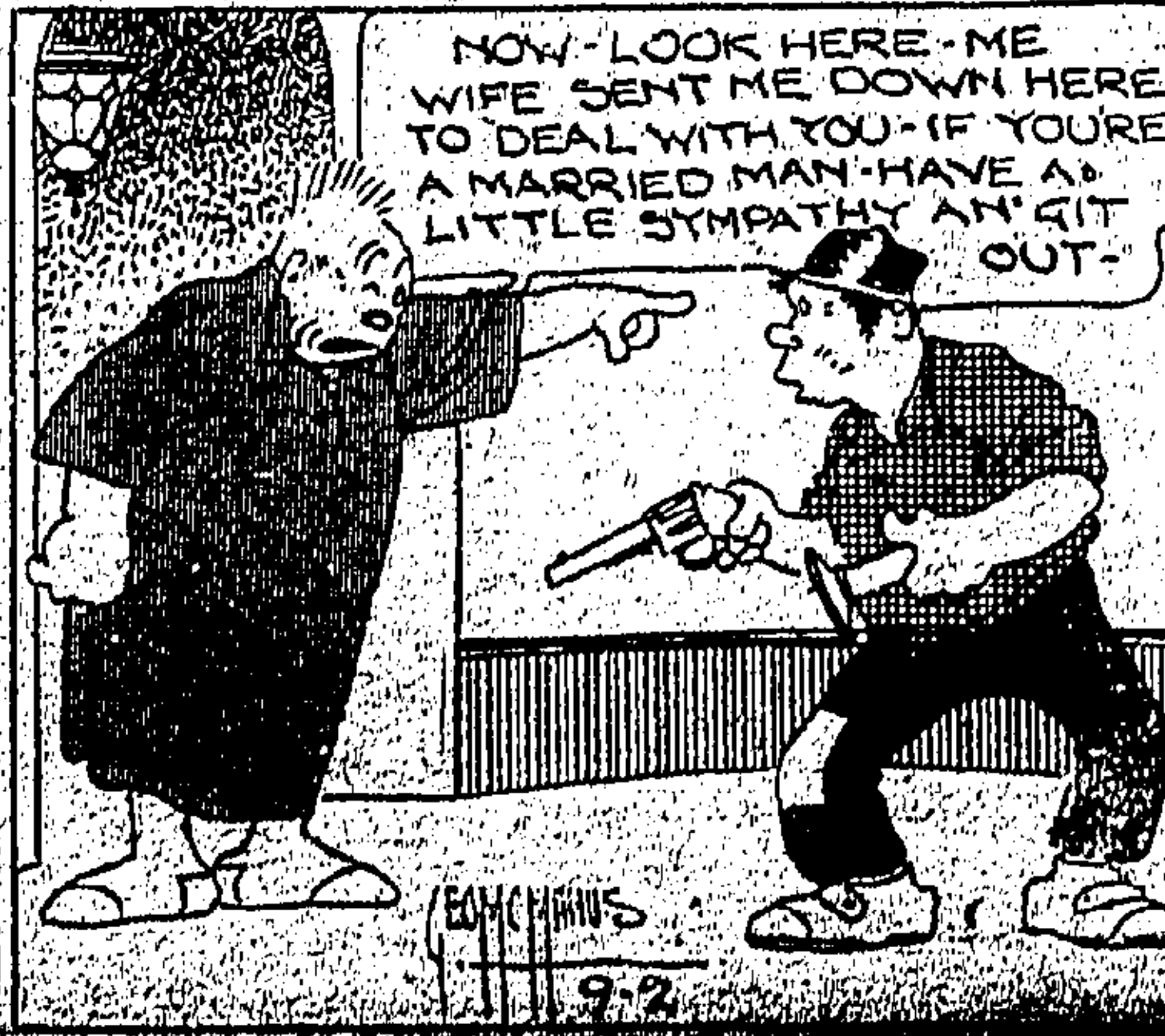
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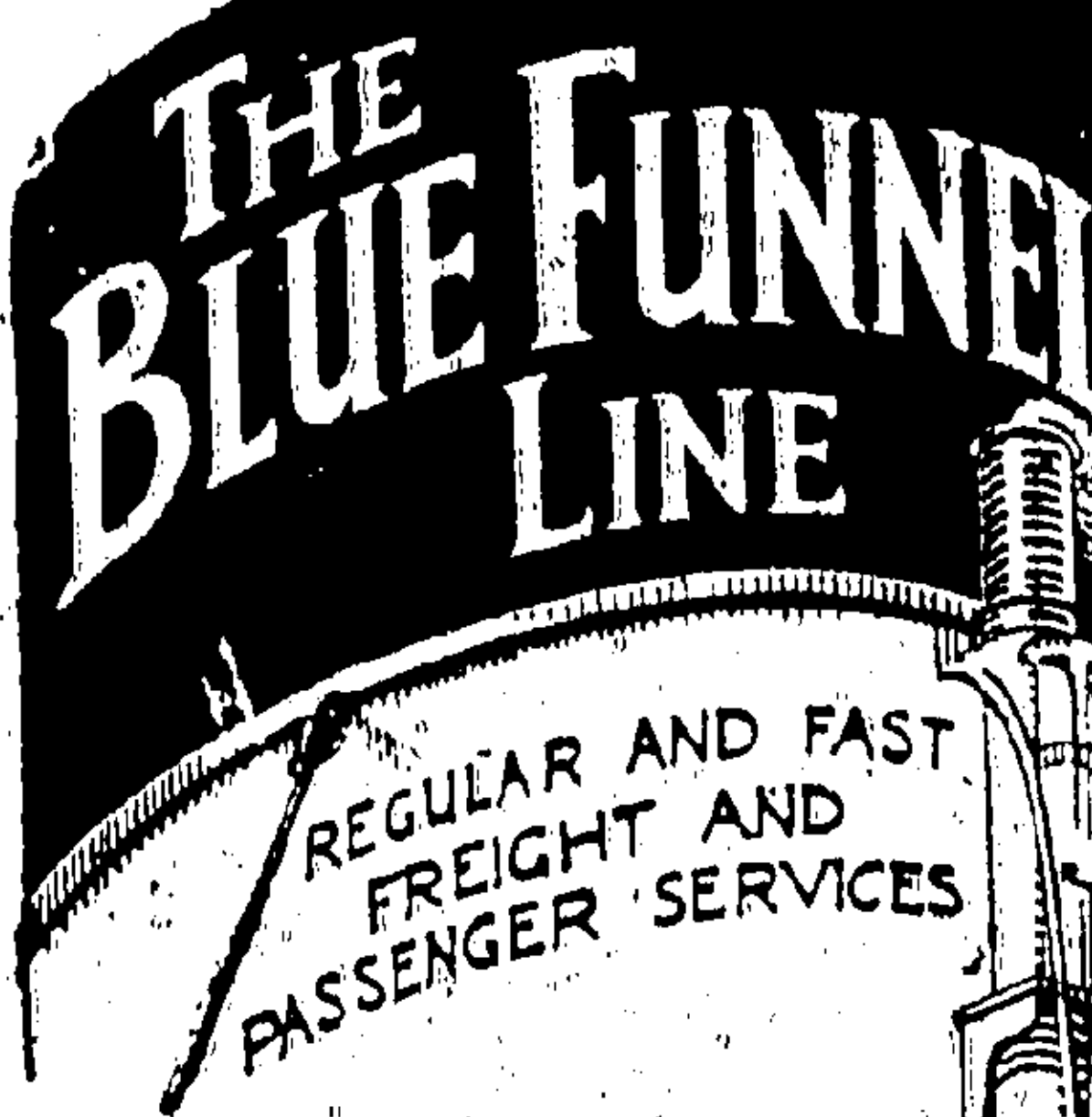
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LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

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INWARD MAILS.

From WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Suez and Straits 11.30 a.m. Antenor

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Straits 11.30 a.m. Nausank

Singapore 11.30 a.m. Porthos

EUROPE via Suez (Letters & Papers) 11.30 a.m. Mantua

Suez and Straits (Letters & Papers) 11.30 a.m. Shirala

U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai Europe via Siberia. Pres. Lincoln

Japan 11.30 a.m. Kanagawa Maru

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Shanghai 11.30 a.m. Moroa

Shanghai 11.30 a.m. Luchow

Straits 11.30 a.m. Hong Kong

Singapore 11.30 a.m. Takad

Australia and Manila 11.30 a.m. Mishima Maru

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Manila 11.30 a.m. Pres. McKinley

Suez and Straits 11.30 a.m. Ningchow

Straits 11.30 a.m. Antenor Maru

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai 11.30 a.m. Empress of Canada

Shanghai 11.30 a.m. Patroles

Japan 11.30 a.m. Aki Maru

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai 11.30 a.m. Pres. Jefferson

Manila 11.30 a.m. Pres. Lincoln

OUTWARD MAILS.

For WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

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For U.S.A. 1st Nov. Parcel 1 p.m.

Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

Amoy 11.30 a.m. Empress of Asia

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Shanghai and Japan 11.30 a.m. Porthos

For Hainan, Hainan and Hainan 11.30 a.m. Tjini

Straits 11.30 a.m. Antenor

Amoy 11.30 a.m. New Mathilda

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Shanghai and Japan 11.30 a.m. Moroa

Shanghai 11.30 a.m. Luchow

Straits 11.30 a.m. Hong Kong

Singapore 11.30 a.m. Takad

Australia and South Africa 11.30 a.m. Mishima Maru

Wellbald 11.30 a.m. Hainan

Amoy and Fookchow 11.30 a.m. Hainan

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, S. & S. Africa, due Egypt

EUROPE via Marseilles 11.30 a.m. Mantua

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BANK FRAUDS.

H. & S. BANK ACCOUNTANTS' TRIAL.

VERDICT AND SENTENCE.

Bombay, October 12. At the High Court Llewellyn Evans, ex-accountant of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, was found guilty on two charges of criminal breach of trust and falsification of accounts in respect of Government securities valued at 510,000 rupees. Evans, who pleaded not guilty, was sentenced to four years and six months' rigorous imprisonment. Other charges in respect of sums of 10,000 and 30,000 rupees will be taken up to-morrow.—Reuter.

Additional Formal Sentence.

Bombay, Later. Evans pleaded guilty to charges of criminal breach of trust in respect of the amounts of 10,000 and 20,000 rupees, but not guilty to the charge of falsifying accounts. The latter charges were withdrawn by the representative of the Crown, who stated that he would not press the charges, whereon accused pleaded guilty. If the sentences thereon would not be concurrent with the sentence already passed. The Judge, thereupon sentenced accused to one day's simple imprisonment on each charge of criminal breach of trust.—Reuter.

Auditor's Discoveries.

Bombay, Sept. 6. The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank case, in which the ex-accountant, Llewellyn Evans, is charged with criminal breach of trust and falsification of accounts in respect of Government securities valued at Rs. 5,40,000, again came up for hearing to-day before the Chief Presidency Magistrate.

The examination of Mr. D. L. Steven, of Messrs. Ferguson and Co., auditors, was continued. He showed to the Court a number of alterations of the Bank's account books, though he could not say in whose handwriting the corrections were. Referring to certain entries in the Security Register stated that they showed that the bonds mentioned therein had been sold on March 20, 1926, and the proceeds credited to the Government security account, but the amounts had not been credited to the accounts he had inspected, including the Government securities account, although they should properly have been credited to the latter account. In connection with those bonds he also failed to find their numbers entered in the withdrawal register.

Mr. Thanawalla, counsel for the prosecution, alleged that accused abstracted one bond to cover up his losses in his share transactions. A number of clerks employed by share brokers gave evidence regarding accused's dealings with their firms.

COMMUNIST FURY.

GREAT UPROAR IN PRUSSIAN DIET.

DISPLAY OF FISTICUFFS.

Berlin, October 12. The debate on the Hohenzollern Settlement Bill provoked unparalleled Communist fury in the Prussian Diet.

The sitting, which was suspended five times owing to the uproar and opprobrious epithets, finally closed in disorder, necessitating police supervision after displays of fisticuffs, in which inkwells, books, tables, and chairs were hurled. Three members were injured, including the Vice-President, Herr Garnich, who was hit by an inkwell and spattered from head to foot. Ten Communists were forcibly ejected.—Reuter.

SIR R. LINDSAY.

SUCCEEDS LORD D'ABERNON NEXT MONTH.

Rugby, October 12. It is expected that Sir Ronald Lindsay, who is succeeding Lord D'Abnerron as British Ambassador in Berlin, will take up that post early next month.—British Wireless Service.

FRENCH FINANCE.

POINCARÉ TAKES TIME BY FORELOCK.

BUDGET FIGURES.

Paris, October 12. M. Poincaré has taken time by the forelock and presented his Budget to the Finance Committee several weeks before the re-assembly of parliament.

The Estimates provide for an expenditure of 39,380,000,000 francs and revenue 39,960,000,000. The sum of 23,750,000,000 earmarked for payment of foreign debts, of which 1,543,000,000 francs will be derived from Germany under the Dawes plan and 3,133,000,000 francs earmarked for internal debt, in addition to 8,500,000,000 francs from the recently created independent redemption fund.

M. Poincaré promises to submit a plan for the stabilization of currency later, but meantime withholds details for reasons of expediency.—Reuter.

DOG BITE.

A Chinese student living at Chancery Lane was bitten in the knee by a black chow dog on Friday, but little notice was apparently taken of the wound until it was necessary to send the lad to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday.

The animal, belonging to a Chinese living at Old Bailey, has since been seized and is now under observation at Kennedy Town.

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1st Bn. The East Surrey Regt. "Trooping the Colour" 14th October, 1926 at 4.30 p.m. on Murray Parade Ground.

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